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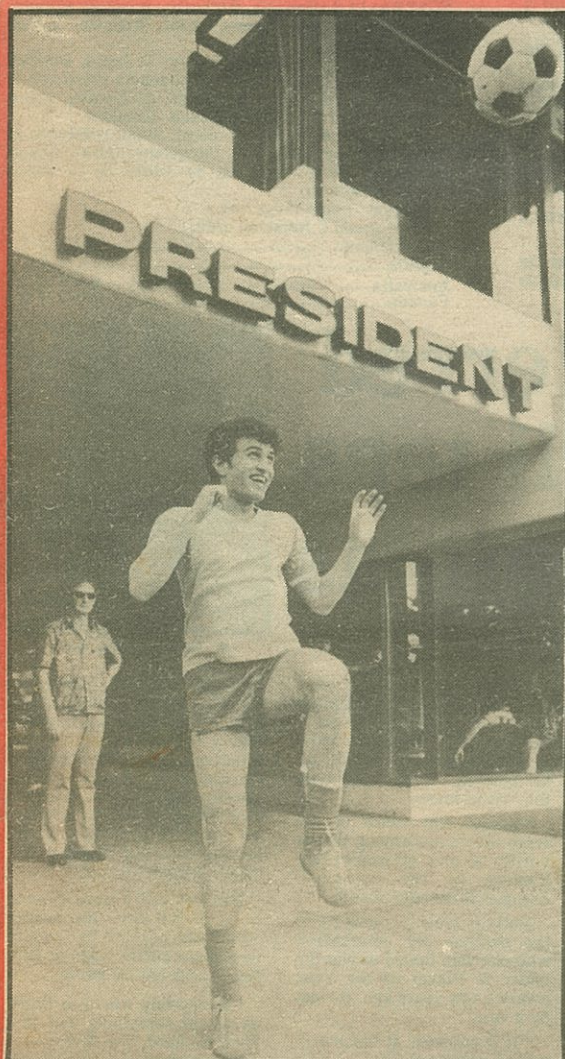
By
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Wolverhampton Wanderers have announced they will permit New Zealand captain Ricki Herbert to play in just two World Cup games — against Australia on September 21 and Israel on October 26, both at Auckland.

Even more disheartening news came from Switzerland, where FC Zurich is adamant that star striker Wynton Rufer will not be available for any World Cup games.

The loss of Rufer is undoubtedly a mammoth blow to All Whites' coach Kevin Fallon, who may also go into the September 21 clash lacking Colin Walker and Kevin Hagan, neither of whom has yet gained naturalisation.

If he is without any of his three preferred strikers, Fallon says his situation would be "ludicrous".



• Beware of Uri Malmillian of Israel, says Eddie Thomson. Malmillian is pictured practising during the Israelis' 1977 Australian tour.

GUTENDORF WAS RIGHT: THOMSON

By
LAURIE
SCHWAB

Rudi Gutendorf was ahead of his time. "They laughed at him, but he was right in many ways," says Sydney Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson.

He had some of the cures for the ills of Australian soccer — cures Thomson would prescribe today.

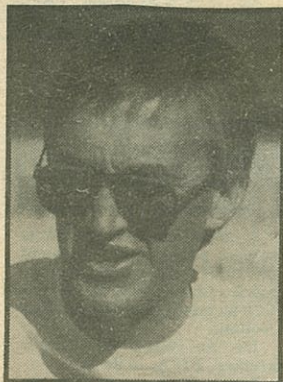
A bonus point for a victory by three or more goals, for example. Gutendorf advocated that, it was introduced for the 1979 season, and scrapped again the following year.

Thomson would love to see it reintroduced.

Similarly, he wants the league to award three points for a win. "The people who voted against it after the 1983 season must have had rocks in their heads," Thomson says.

Those two measures, plus the reintroduction of a 14-team format would rid the NSL of most of its ills, he adds.

World Cup success also would help — and Thomson



Eddie Thomson

is very much involved in the World Cup campaign as assistant to national coach Frank Arok.

What's more, four Socceroo regulars — Joe Watson, Steve O'Connor, John Kosmina and David Mitchell — play under Thomson at Sydney Hakoah.

He learned a lot about Australia's strongest Oceania group opponent, Israel, while coaching the Australian Jewish representative team in the Maccabiah Games in Israel recently.

Uri Malmillian, who toured here with the Israelis in 1977, is a top player now; Avi Cohen, formerly of Liverpool, controls the defence as sweeper; left midfielder Moshe Sinai, who just missed out on a contract with Manchester United, is

the most skilful in the squad; left back David Pizanti has just signed for FC Cologne in West Germany and tall, skilful striker Zahi Armeli is so good he's holding out for a \$20,000 rise, to \$90,000 a year.

"They've got tremendous skill but they use more of the long ball than we do," Thomson says. "You can't give them time to play. You've got to hustle and bustle, like we did against Red Star and Vasco Da Gama. We upset them, we chased them, and we have to do it to the Israelis."

It seems ominous that the only time a recent visiting team defended against the Socceroo, the "ay our World Cup opponents will defend when they play here, Australia lost 0-1 to Vasco Da Gama in Sydney."

Thomson argues, though, that Arok "mixed up" the team that day, by bringing in Zarko Odzakovic, Jim Patikas and Gerry Gomez. "We were trying out a few things, so the team was unsettled. We made up for it by beating Vasco Da Gama in the final," Thomson says.

Australia starts its World Cup campaign against New Zealand in Auckland on September 21. Thomson watched the Kiwis play against English club Newcastle United a few months ago, and found that nothing had changed much.

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Giants clash



• Jubilant Juventus after winning the Southern Division grand final last Sunday. From left, standing, Wade, Durakovic, Sweeney, Petersen, Banovic, Drinoczky, Incantalupo, Minichiello. Front: Cullen, Brown, Zinni (rear), Campbell, Miranda, Caruso (team manager). Picture: LES SHORROCK

Juventus will be close to full strength for the second leg of the national final against Sydney Hakoah at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Sweeper John Dowie returns after suspension for the first leg at St George Stadium tonight (Wednesday) but right back Paul Lewis has to miss a second match and won't be back until Sunday.

Andrew Zinni, who failed a late fitness test before the Southern grand final against Makedonia last Sunday, remains in doubt.

With Dowie back as sweeper, Mike Petersen returns to the midfield, where he ended last Sunday's match.

Rino Minichiello is likely to miss out but the other reserve, Mehmet Durakovic, will retain the right back position until Lewis resumes on Sunday.

The two legs of the final pit two of Australia's toughest teams against each other.

The most intriguing individual duels will be between: Hakoah stopper Steve O'Connor and Juventus's battering-ram striker Joe Sweeney; Juventus captain Brian Brown and

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Hakoah's captain John Kosmina; Hakoah speedster Frank Farina and young Durakovic who saw action in the Yugoslav First Division with Budonost.

Hakoah is likely to play with three strikers — Kosmina, Farina and Grant Lee — whereas Juventus will use only two — Sweeney and Robbie Cullen — and concentrate instead on stacking the midfield.

Socceroo striker David Mitchell has a mid-field role with Hakoah.

Juventus coach John Margaritis makes no secret of adopting a cautious approach in Sydney and aiming for the kill in Melbourne.

Hakoah boss Eddie Thomson does not usually vary his tactics. He will go all out for victory in both games.

Hakoah is chasing its fifth NSL championship, Juventus its first.

Before last Sunday, Juventus hadn't won a title since 1970, the year coach Tony Boggi led an all-star team that included Tommy McCall, Dino Di Marchi, George Kinnell, Sandy Irvine, Bobby Thomson, Jock Goodwin, Jack Reilly and Gareth Salisbury.

Juventus's strength in the finals' series has been its midfield, comprising Paul Wade who twice scored decisive goals, powerful Richard Miranda, Mike "The General" Petersen and left flanker Fabio Incantalupo who is overdue for a goal.

**Dowie,
Lewis
back;
Mitchell
in the
middle**



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Brazil favorite, Koczka left on bench

With Australia out of the competition, Brazil looks set to win the World Youth Championships after thrashing Colombia 6-0 in the quarter finals in the USSR.

The semi-finals will be played early on Thursday morning, Australian time, and the final early on Sunday morning. SBS-TV will telecast the final live.

Australia bowed out because Chris Kalantzis wasted the perfect chance to give his team an unassailable 3-0 lead against Nigeria, because goalkeeper Paul Jones made at least one fundamental mistake, and coach Jim Shoulder went on the defensive by replacing midfielder Alex Bundalo not with a midfielder, but with a defender, John Gregson.

Andy Koczka, renowned for scoring goals, was left in the bench, when he had so much to offer.

But in the end, Australia proved to be not good enough. It led 2-0 against Nigeria, but lost 2-3.

Brazil's 19-year-old striker Gerson da Silva, scored a hat-trick against Colombia.

Brazil's semi-final in Leningrad will be Nigeria, which scored an upset 2-1 quarter-final victory over Mexico in Baku with first-half goals from Augustine Gbinabaro and Monday Odiaka.

The other semi-final, to be played in Moscow, is between the Soviet Union, which put an end to China's good run with a goal in the first minute by Oleg Kuzlev, and Spain, which knocked out Bulgaria 2-1.

The Brazilians, the only team to have won all four games it has played in the championship, appeared to lack concentration in the first half but finished by scoring four goals in the last 21 minutes to win 6-0.

It was with the final kick of the game — a sweet

From KNUT WERNER and STEPHEN DETTRE

chip over the top of Colombian goalkeeper Jose Rene Higuita, that da Silva completed his hat-trick.

The Soviet Union, the only other undefeated team in the championship, stunned China in Minsk with a goal seconds after the start.

Kuzlev picked up the ball near the right wing, moved inside and fired home a fierce left-foot drive from 30 metres.

The Soviet team dominated play for much of the game and was unlucky not to add to its tally during several goalmouth melees in the second half.

It was a disappointing end for the Chinese, winners against England and Paraguay, in their qualifying group.

In Yerevan, Spain squeezed past Bulgaria with a 66th-minute penalty by Fernando Gomez. Bulgarian forward Emil Kostadinov had equalised earlier after Marcelino Garcia gave Spain a 1-0 interval lead.

Nigeria went 2-0 up against Mexico, winner of all three qualifying games, before Victor Medina replied in the 51st minute.

Australia, needing a win over Nigeria to move into the quarter finals, led 2-0 after 37 minutes but then stunningly handed the match to the Africans who won 3-2.

Shoulder's tactics of yielding midfield proved disastrous in the second period as the fleet-footed Nigerians ran the Aussies off their feet.

Instead of maintaining their momentum when leading by two goals, Australia adopted the negative

tactics of the first two games, wasting possession and giving the Nigerians space and time.

It all started so promisingly for the young Socceros with once again some great chances in the first 10 minutes.

After 27 minutes — and 207 minutes of football at this tournament — Australia finally scored when John Panagis was on hand to poke home a flick header from Warren Spink.

The goal settled the Aussies and their attack again bore fruit in the 37th when a goalbound header from Spink was stopped on the line by a defender's hand with the goalkeeper nowhere in sight.

Striker Kalantzis struck home the penalty and it seemed the Aussies were on the way to Baku for a quarter final.

However, the whole match swung around in the first 15 minutes of the second period when Spink, Kalantzis and then Kalantzis again had unbelievable chances to score. With Spink to his left, unmarked Kalantzis instead chose to try to beat the only defender in sight, who deflected his shot for a corner.

The Africans scored a scrambling goal through Niy Adiele in the 64th minute.

That gave the Nigerians heart and their attack became increasingly penetrating.

A one-minute spell later in the match destroyed the Aussies when two goals were rapidly punched home for the stunning victory.

In the 78th minute Australian keeper Paul Jones partially blocked a header from Adiele but Monday Odiaka was on hand to whip the loose ball home.

Shoulder had the Aussies kicked off that the Nigerians were at it again when winger Mark Anunobi ran at the defence which backed off him and he took the opportunity to drill home a 20-metre shot.

Shoulder, obviously disappointed, said: "The match was about taking chances, we didn't take ours and all credit to the Nigerians."

Shoulder said he did not alter his team tactics at half time and denied he told them to become more defensive.

"I was quite happy with the way we were playing and a number of chances we created."

"I told them not to worry about creating chances because they were coming through the general play and I was confident we would score more in the second period."

Details: NIGERIA 3 (Adiele, Odiaka, Anunobi) AUSTRALIA 2 (Panagis, Kalantzis, penalty) at Tractor Minsk Stadium. Crowd: 2,000. Referee: Shizuo Takada (Japan).

AUSTRALIA: P Jones, Hooker, M Jones, Bundalo (replaced by Gregson 65 mins), Panagis (replaced by Hristodoulou 84 mins), Kalantzis, McLennan, Spink, Sharpe, Postekos, Ingham. Coach: Shoulder.

NIGERIA: Agwu, Ekeh, Onye, Waidi (replaced by Osaro 58 mins), Uwe, Ody, Igbinaro, Odiaka, Anunobi, Siasia, Ipaye (replaced by Adiele 55 55 mins). Coach: Hamilton.

Quotation: Ipaye (Nigeria). Final group C finishing order.

Soviet Union..... 2 1 0 7 1 5

Nigeria..... 2 0 1 6 4 4

Australia..... 0 2 1 2 3 2

Canada..... 0 1 2 0 7 1

TAPAI'S DISAPPOINTMENT

Ernie Tapai felt bitterly disappointed at not being selected for the Australian Youth Team to play in the world youth cup USSR.

"I was upset at not being chosen," he said and I was disgusted to see my country go down the way it did against Nigeria. Another melancholy part of Tapai's season was Footscray J.U.S.T.'s slump to the bottom of the National League Southern Division. JUST had never been a championship contender but somehow it had survived year after year.

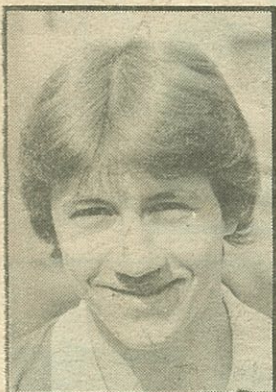
There is a strong possibility that JUST will be relegated to State League, if the team finishing State League champion is accepted.

"I don't know if JUST will go down. It shouldn't really. JUST has a great history and it's set-up is very good," he said.

Tapai has no immediate plans. JUST hasn't offered him a contract, his future at Schintler Reserve seems uncertain, but he has proven himself a capable and skilful player in his first N.S.L. season.

The JUST midfielder saw action with Melbourne Hungaria in the First Division and spent a season with Hellas juniors.

— SASO TRAJCEVSKI



• Ernie Tapai

No excuses: Egan

"It was a disappointment to lose, but it was an excellent entertaining match with thrills galore for the fans." So said Charlie Egan after last week's titanic struggle between Hellas and Makedonia in the Southern Division preliminary final.

Egan felt that a whole year's work was wasted and that a team finishing first on its ladder should win something.

"Make no mistake about it; there is nothing wrong with the top five play-offs, but it should be a separate competition. Look at Croatia in Sydney. It lost right at the end," he said.

The Hellas goal-grabber also made the point that there were no sour grapes. Makedonia played well and won.

One of the excellent features of Egan's season has been his ability to be at the right place at the right time and to convert many opportunities into 21 League goals.

In previous seasons he often was in the background, letting the other strikers score. For

two years he teamed up with Alun Evans, and more recently with Doug Brown.

"I worked too much around the outfield and made useful runs. Then Dougie (Brown) came (from Makedonia) and we helped each other out. I stopped running about the outfield and concentrated in the penalty area. I'm really a penalty area player," said Egan.

He scored three useful goals for Hellas against Makedonia but it wasn't enough.

"Even though John Yzen-doorn and Gary McDowell didn't play, that can't be used as an excuse. The young lads

played their hearts out, and made Hellas feel proud," he said.

Egan's disappointment might be reduced a bit, as he is likely to win "Soccer Action" — Boral Bricks top scorer award, with prize-money of \$1,000.

As for the future, Egan is happy to stay where he is, and with the brilliance of Oscar Crino, the hard work of Gary McDowell and the presence of Doug Brown, Hellas' future indeed seems bright!

— SASO TRAJCEVSKI



• Jim Patikas

Sydney Croatia's loss to Marconi last Wednesday can be attributed partly to coach Vedran Rozic playing Jim Patikas as a target man and Graham Arnold off him. Why did Rozic do it?

Patikas says: "They (Marconi) were blocking our long balls and Rozic thought that Arnold, being very fit could play off me. I know it didn't work, but if we had scored first we would probably have won."

Usually, Arnold is the target man, with Patikas playing off him.

Croatia's failure last Wednesday should diminish Rozic's stature, Patikas says.

"Rozic has helped my game enormously, I respect him as a

Rozic erred but still tops with Patikas

By SASO TRAJCEVSKI

gentleman and as a coach. He has been through it and understands the player's point of view. Croatia has treated me well and the guys in the team are terrific. Because I respect the guys and Rozic, I work to please him. He has a lot of football intelligence."

Many things have been said and written about Patikas' departure from Sydney Olympic.

"Let me make this point. The Olympic supporters were terrific to me, but there were differences of opinion between me, some of the committee and Manfred Schaefer, who wanted me to play physical and in positions I didn't feel comfortable in."

Sydney Croatia rose from a middle-of-the-table survivor to a challenger for the championship after Rozic had transformed the team by buying Patikas, Zarko Odzakovic and Emil Dragicevic.

Naturally the crowds came rolling into the Croatian Sports Centre.

"Playing in front of a huge crowd every week has its advantages and disadvantages," Patikas says. "When the team is playing well, the crowd can be uplifting. When we're bad, they let us know."

Patikas and some of his team-mates are among the favorites to pick up some press awards or the inaugural national Rothmans Medal.

Patikas feels cautious about the awards. He remembers when he was tipped to win the under 21 Player of the Year award a few years ago. He lost by a vote!

"If it happens, it happens," says Patikas.

The loss to Marconi this year and the loss to SM-Hellas in last year's final while Patikas was with Sydney Olympic were major disappointments to him, but he looks on the bright side.

"Sure we lost last year, but Olympic had a terrific team



• Graham Arnold

with Katholos and Raskopoulos, but the committee failed to build on the success because they were interested in cutting wages and other matters. With Croatia we've had a terrific season. Everybody thought we'd finish in the middle but we ended up winning most of the matches and finished the league second."

Patikas had a good chance to grab the NSL top scorer award but because he tried to overhaul Charlie Egan of Hellas, it affected his game.

"Everybody wants to finish on top of something and so I tried too hard," he says.

Now that his commitments to Sydney Croatia are over for the season, he's fully concentrating on his Australian duty.

"It's a great thrill to play for Australia. I'm hoping that I will be included and I'll do my best for Australia in the World Cup."

The UEFA edict: Forget how good it was!

You want to see graphic footage of Ferenc Puskas scoring a hat trick before half time in the 1962 European Cup final between Real Madrid and Benfica?

Do you want to see how Benfica still came back to win 5-3 with two goals scored by the great Eusebio?

Well, forget it.

Or so you are being told by

UEFA, the high and mighty body that administers European soccer and holds the television rights to that match and, seemingly, to all European Cup finals.

Yes, SBS-Television has struck a most annoying and distressing snag in bringing in video-tapes of "nostalgia" games from Europe.

It is "against UEFA policy" to expose such games of the past on television because it will affect gates at current games.

Let me spell it out for you

clearly. UEFA believes, and probably accurately, that football of that era was so good, so pure, so spectacular, so exciting, that to have people discover it would lead to inevitable comparisons with today's football. And that, folks, is disaster because modern football never would stand up to the comparison.

A likely consequence is that the viewers, especially the younger ones who weren't around when the old football was being played, would be so peeved by what they are being given by today's teams they would boycott the games.

It all began when SBS decided to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the greatest European final of all time by showing it to Australian viewers last May.

That game (Real Madrid v Eintracht Frankfurt 7-3) met with such huge and passionate response from viewers that SBS decided to bring in more nostalgia games.

One, the 1965 European Cup Winner's Cup final between West Ham and TSV Munich, already has been put to air.

There are a further six nostalgia games scheduled to be bought over the current financial year for later showing on Saturday's World Soccer program.

Among them was a request for further rights on the Real Madrid v Eintracht final which SBS wanted to repeat at least one more time in response to viewer demands.

The game originally was bought for two showings which immediately was exhausted by the original World Soccer program on May 18 and the repeat showing of that program the following night.

Now UEFA refuses to grant further repeat rights to the



LES MURRAY

game "for the same reasons" as given for the refusal on the 1962 final.

The haggling between the SBS and UEFA is not over money. Indeed there has been no haggling at all. Far from asking for higher bids, UEFA refuses point blank to grant rights.

From a purely commercial point of view UEFA, of course, can claim legitimate reasons for having such a policy. At least when it comes to television rights in Europe.

Morally and ethically however the policy has no basis whatsoever.

just to UEFA but more importantly to big brother FIFA (whose business it is to spread the soccer gospel far and wide) with perhaps copies sent to the Australian Soccer Federation whose business it should also be to develop soccer's following.

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Teeuw gets axe!

By
CRAIG
MAC KENZIE

Cor Teeuw, sacked as coach of Ringwood Wilhelmina last week, claims that six weeks ago the committee re-appointed him and his assistant Kees Storm for next season!

"The decision to sack me with just three games to go (before last weekend's match) is crazy. I can't make any sense out of it," said Teeuw.

Wilhelmina has appointed former South Melbourne Hellas and Victorian youth team coach Bill Curran on a caretaker basis until the end of the season but Curran looks likely also to be appointed coach for 1986.

Teeuw is critical of the Wilhelmina committee, claiming that about 10 weeks ago it tried to get him to agree to the formation of a team selection committee.

"I wouldn't have a bar of it. I'm not going to be a front man for a selection committee," said Teeuw.

"Nine of the blokes on the committee don't know much about soccer as far as I'm concerned and since our meeting about forming a selection committee you could have cut the air with a knife whenever I was in the presence of certain committeemen."

Wilhelmina president John van Hoboken junior, approached Teeuw on Tuesday last week, asking for his resignation. Wilhelmina had lost 1-2 to fellow relegation candidate Knox City at Jubilee Park two days earlier.

With Knox leading 1-0, Teeuw had taken off defender Colin Wemyss and replaced him with forward John Nyholt in the 65th minute. Shortly after, Knox scored again, putting the match out of Wilhelmina's reach.

That substitution may have cost Teeuw his job.

"Cor has done some funny things with the team this year. Colin Wemyss was our best defender against Knox yet he took him off and that led to Knox's second goal," said Wilhelmina secretary Hans Lechner.

"I think that Cor more or less expected to be sacked and he's blaming the committee but we've given him a free hand this year and have been very flexible."

Teeuw's reaction to his sacking suggests he didn't "more or less" expect it and he defended his substitution of Wemyss.

"We were losing a very important match so I took off a defender and put on a forward, using an extra man up front and going man-for-man at the back. That seemed the only logical thing to do."

"It's not as if the players weren't trying. The week before the Knox match we were robbed against Western Suburbs which got a soft penalty and the week before that we beat St Albans Dynamo."

"Wilhelmina sells its players and gives the coach nothing in return. You end up having to work with what's left. That's got to change if the club is going to go anywhere."

Teeuw was in his fourth year on Wilhelmina's coaching staff. He was reserve team coach for two seasons and last season took over as senior coach. His sacking hasn't dampened his appetite for coaching and he'll be looking for a new post next season.

THE TOP TEN

— nation's stars vie for best player awards

By
LAURIE SCHWAB

Graham Honeyman and Bugsy Nyskohus hope to maintain the tradition established by Bobby Russell and Sergio Melta when votes for the NSL player of the year are tallied up at the league's award night next Monday.

The awards dinner will be at the Southern Cross Hotel in Melbourne, and the player of the year will be presented by Andrew Peacock.

Russell (1981) and Melta (1984) twice brought the best player trophy to Adelaide. Russell, like Melta, played for Adelaide Juventus. He is now with South Melbourne Hellas.

Honeyman (West Adelaide Hellas) and Nyskohus (Adelaide Juventus) are among the top 10 players in the running for the award. A total of 233 polled votes.

Both Nyskohus and Honeyman play as sweepers. Honeyman, 32, made his Soccer debut this year. Nyskohus, 35, represented Australia twice against Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1972.

They have been the best players in their respective clubs this year.

The other eight in the running are:

OSCAR CRINO, 23, South Melbourne Hellas midfielder, voted Australia's Most Exciting Player in the annual "Soccer Action" poll. Formerly of Tung Sing (Hong Kong), Australian Sports Institute, Brunswick-Juventus and Footscray JUST. Played in the 1981 World Youth Championship finals staged in Australia, emerging as one of the stars of the tournament. Scored five goals in 25 senior appearances for Australia and four goals in 13 youth appearances.

STEVE BRYANT, 31, Canberra Olympians midfielder or left back. Formerly with Portsmouth in England, has consistently figured among the leaders in the "Soccer Action" — Boral Bricks Player of the Year award due to his hard work and flair.

ALAN HUNTER, 21, Brisbane Lions centre-back. Already has won the "Soccer Action" — Sunicrust Under 21 Player of the Year award. An imposing presence on the ground, due to his height and aggression, Hunter is a prime target for Melbourne and Sydney clubs and may not stay in Brisbane for much longer.

CHARLIE EGAN, 26, South Melbourne Hellas striker. Top scorer in the NSL with 21 goals. Scored 11 in 1984, 11 in 1983 and 20 in 1982. Won the Victorian Rothmans Medal while with Frankston City in 1981. Top scorer of the Soccerroos' 1984 world tour, he has notched five in 20 games for Australia.

PETER TREDINNICK, 25, Marconi midfielder, signed this year from APIA and played previously with Newcastle KB United. Has had a fine season at Marconi under coach Les Scheinflug. Has represented Australia seven times and considered unlucky not to be in the World Cup squad.

ROBBIE SLATER, 20, St George Budapest striker, formerly with Auburn. Powerful, explosive attacking player who was a prime mover in Saints' late advance into the finals. Scored six goals this year and made seven appearances for the national youth team.

VEDRAN ROZIC, 32, Sydney Croatia



● Alan Hunter (Brisbane Lions)

sweeper and player-coach. Former Hajduk Split star and Yugoslav international, he inspired Croatia's sensational climb this year — a climb which the club vows to maintain in 1986. One of the most accomplished players in Australia.

ROD BROWN, 21, Marconi striker, 13 goals this year and also chosen to represent Australia. Played a major part in the goal that gave Australia victory in the international tournament against Vasco Da Gama, Udinese and Spurs. Scored 14 goals in 19 games with the national youth side and has made five appearances for the senior Soccerroos.

Of the top 10, Alan Hunter is the only one also in the running for the Best Under 21 Player Award.

The top 10 youth candidates make up probably the strongest field we've had since the awards began in 1977.

They are:

CHRIS KALANTZIS, Sydney Olympic striker, was in the USSR with the Australian team for the World Youth Championships. Destined to be one of the greatest players Australia has produced. Scored eight league and Cup goals this year and was top scorer in the Oceania group WYC qualifying group. Immensely skilful, and explosive.

STEVE MAXWELL, Adelaide City Juventus midfielder. Scored five goals although he operates from a deep position on the left side. Big, fast and strong.

RUSSELL STEWART, Brisbane Lions midfielder, must rank among the fittest players in Australia, he looks capable of running an ultra marathon even after the toughest of matches. A member of the Australian team that contested the 1983 World Championships in Mexico. Made 21 national youth team appearances.

FRANK FARINA, Sydney Hakoah striker, signed from Canberra Olympians early this year and has scored 11 league goals for Hakoah. One of the fastest strikers in the NSL, he scored nine goals in 21 national youth team appearances and two in 26 games for the senior Soccerroos.

MANIS LAMOND, Canberra Olympians striker, voted National Youth League player of the year in 1984, and has emer-

ged as a player of immense flair in his first senior season, during which he scored seven league and Cup goals.

STEVE GOJEVIC, Melbourne Croatia striker or midfielder. Has been a senior for so long that one tends to forget how young he is. Tall and extremely skilful, he was elevated this season to the national training squad but has not yet had a game.

PHIL TRAIADES, Preston Macedonia goalkeeper, one of the three goalkeepers among the top 10, he had a sensational start to his NSL career, displacing Richard Wilson and saving Macedonia time and time again early in the year. Put Macedonia into the Southern Division grand final by saving a penalty from Bobby Russell.

TONY FRANKEN, Canberra Olympians goalkeeper, made 11 appearances for Australia at senior level, and was on the Soccerroos' 1984 world tour. Another who is unlucky not to be in the World Cup squad. Kept goal during the 1983 World Youth Championships in Mexico.

MIRKO RUNJE, Melbourne Croatia goalkeeper, was in the USSR for the World Youth Championship. Came to Croatia from the A.I.S. early this year after having played for Springvale.

Other awards to be made on Monday include those for coach of the year and referee of the year.

Among the leading coaches are: Frank Maccarone who revitalised Inter Monaro; John Gardiner who lifted George Cross from the bottom to the verge of the top five; and the men who got their teams to the grand finals: John Margaritis (Juventus), Bill Murray (Macedonia), Les Scheinflug (Marconi) and Eddie Thomason (Sydney Hakoah).

Referees vying for the glory are: Chris Bambridge, Jim Fearn (Vic), Richard Lorenz, Tim Davies, Gary Power (NSW) and Don Campbell (SA).

Previous award winners:

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: 1977 — Jimmy Rooney (Marconi); 1978 — Ken Boden (Newcastle KB Utd); 1979 — Ivo Prskalo (Marconi); 1980 — Jim Hermiston (Brisb. City); 1981 — Bobby Russell (Adelaide C. Juventus); 1982 — Peter Katholos (Sydney Olympic); 1983 — Joe Watson (Sydney Hakoah); 1984 — Sergio Melta (Adel. C. Juventus).

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COACH OF THE YEAR: 1977 — Rale Rasic (Marconi); 1978 — Gerry Chaldi (Syd. Hakoah); 1979 — Les Scheinflug (Marconi); 1980 — John Margaritis (SM-Hellas); 1981 — Eddie Thomson (Syd. Hakoah); 1982 — Frank Arok (St. Geo Budapest); 1983 — Frank Arok (St. Geo Budapest); 1984 — Eddie Thomson (Syd. Hakoah).

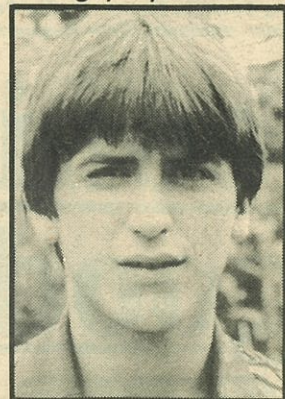
REFEREE OF THE YEAR: 1978 — Peter Rampley (NSW); 1979 — Tony Boskovic (NSW); 1980 — Peter Rampley (NSW); 1981 — Tim Davies (NSW); 1982 — Tony Boskovic (NSW); 1983 — Stuart Mellings (Vic); 1984 — Doug Rennie (NSW).

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: 1983 — Jamie Dummett (Wollongong); 1984 — Manis Lamond (Canberra Olympians).

VICTORIAN YOUTH LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: 1984 — Manny Anezakis (SM-Hellas).



Bugsy Nyskohus



Oscar Crino



Snubbed by Salvo

Many thought former youth international Marcelo Salvo would become a great player, he had a season with Heidelberg Alexander and represented Victoria at senior level.

Salvo (pictured) showed promising skill and could dribble sweetly. Where is he now?

"Soccer Action" rang to find out what had happened to him and why he had left Heidelberg.

But he didn't want to talk to us. "I'm not interested," he said.

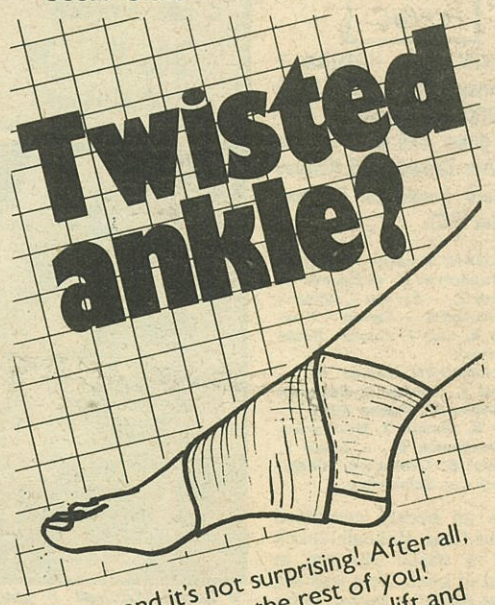
— SASO TRAJCEVSKI

Marton's men to meet Roos

• Vedran Rozic, Mark Jankovic, Zeljko Jurin, Bruno Vidacic — they're some of the players who will take part in a testimonial match for Dez Marton at St. George Stadium on September 11.

They and Marton will play against the Australian national team.

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• Vedran Rozic (standing third from left) with his Sydney Croatia team. From left, standing: Bogdanovic (official), Tomasic, Rozic, Vidacic, Wodhouse, M Kovacic, Basic, Arnold, Dr Bosnic. Front: A Kovacic, Patikas, Clinch, Rezo, Jurin, Odzakov.



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Sunshine joins boom

The continuing problem of diminishing crowds and lack of funds in Australian soccer has not deterred the Australian Indoor Soccer Federation from expanding.

Plans are afoot to form state leagues and a national league. Federation boss Robert Issel says indoor centres around Australia will cover costs involved.

Foresight such as this is attracting more and more people to the A.I.S.F.

One of the newest centres to join is the Sunshine Indoor Soccer Centre.

The director there is Bill Rosenow and he is hard at work bringing the one-time skating rink up to standard to allow indoor soccer to be played.

Judging by some of the alterations this centre will be one of the best in Victoria, offering six-a-side games on the larger court and junior and ladies' games on the smaller one.

International rules will apply, as with all the affiliated A.I.S.F. centres, so that international games can be played there.

At the moment there are vacancies in some of the leagues that will be played at the centre when it officially opens in September. They include the men's league, women's, junior, over 35 league and possibly a mixed league.

Anyone in the Sunshine area interested in participating should



Heidelberg, Hakoah reach youth final



● South Melbourne Hellas youth squad, from left, back row: Joe Verro, Arthur Akritidis, Alex Kostoglou, Con Rizopoulos, Steve Xynas, Manny Anezakis, Con Moshopoulos, Nick Karantonis, Greg Kassidis. Front row: Jim Pasakos, John Vagenes, Theo Mitsou, John Kanesoulis, Peter Vardaxis, Theo Kasmeris, George Kalogeros, Harry Mavridis.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 2 (Metaxas 25th & 65th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Kalogeros pen. 8th), Victorian Youth League grand final at Olympic Park, Sunday.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: Lagoulis — Theocharous, Katsikis, Gabrielson, Mihalopoulos — Tsolakis, Tsosios, Katsakidis, Anastasiadis — Metaxas, Deligiannis. Subs: Gymnopoulos, Belegri-nos, Christoforidis, Rahovitsas.

HELLAS: Akritidis — Kanesoulis, Anezakis, Moshopoulos, Mihos — Kalogeros, Kasmeris, Vardaxis, Mavridis — Mitsou, Xynas.

Heidelberg-Alexander, led by John Metaxas and the ever-dangerous Nick Deligiannis in attack, topped reigning Australian youth champion South Melbourne Hellas to win the Victorian Youth League championship.

In Sydney meanwhile, Sydney City Hakoah took the National Youth League title by beating Canberra Olympians



● Heidelberg Alexander's youth squad, from left: Fred Bunce (coach), Nick Lagoulis, John Gabrielson, Nick Deligiannis, Chris Katsakidis, John Christoforidis, Rob Nicolaidis, Perki Belerinos, Peter Costa. Front: Andrew Theocharous, Stan Thodis, George Katsakis, Foti Mihalopoulos, Alex Gymnopoulos, John Anastasiadis, Nick Ousalkas.

4-2 with goals by S Lundy (2), A Harper and P Kay. Scorers for Canberra were V Fernandez and J Baxter.

The Australian youth championship will be determined when Heidelberg meets Hakoah at Olympic Park at 12.45 pm on Sunday, in the curtain-raiser to the second leg of the senior national final between Juventus and Hakoah.

Hellas took the lead on Sunday through a penalty

awarded over handball during a scramble after Theo Mitsou had played the ball into the box. George Kalogeros scored from the spot.

Hellas goalkeeper Akritidis, one of the stars of the game, prevented Heidelberg from equalising when he saved a header by Deligiannis but was helpless against a 35-metre free kick from Metaxas, which flashed into the net in the 25th minute.

Peter Tsolakis was foiled by Akritidis just after half time, and in the 65th minute, Metaxas scored the winner with a header after a cross from Deligiannis.

Mitsou missed narrowly with a header — a chance that could have levelled the scores — but Heidelberg came just as close when Tsolakis sidestepped players inside the area only to belt his shot over the bar.

Marconi wants to be as good as Hakoah

By
ALEX VESIC

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2 (Kosmina 7th, Farina 53rd) **MARCONI 0**, Northern Division grand final at St George Stadium. Crowd 3300, Referee Richard Lorenc 9. Caution: Gomez (SC).

HAKOAH: Pezzano 7, — Cant 6, Robertson 8, O'Connor 7, Gomez 7, — Barnes 7, Watson 9, Mitchell 8 — Farina 7, Kosmina 6, Lee 7. Coach: Eddie Thomson.

MARCONI: James 6, — Carter 7, Sterrey 6, Calderan 8, Driene 6 (Sharne 65th) — Gray 6, Mason 7, Henderson 8, Tredinnick 6, — Lowe 7, Brown 6 (Jankovics 65th). Coach: Les Scheinflug.

In an evenly contested grand final, Hakoah looked just a shade sharper in front of goal. That was the most decisive factor in its 2-0 victory over Marconi.

"I was only worried at half time when the wind was against us," said coach Eddie Thomson.

"The players were warned about discipline before the game started and kept their heads."

A team can lose a grand final if players lose their control and our form has improved since we stopped doing silly things."

Both dressing rooms were alive after the match, instead of the usual post-match gloom for the losers, and as Marconi's Ian Gray said: "There's no disgrace in losing to a super team like Sydney City."

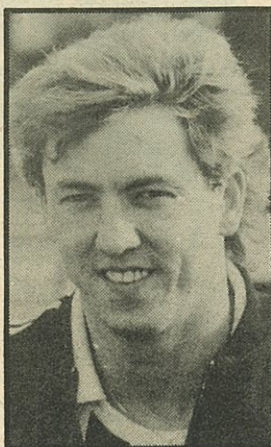
Sydney City is a champion team and I hope with a little more work that Marconi can be as good as them," said Marconi coach Les Scheinflug.

"We lost the game with our lack of finishing and the match was a great lesson to the players."

An early opening for Marconi saw David Lowe break on the right and, with Brown in support, Hakoah looked in trouble but Lowe delayed, Brown had to stop, realising that another foot or two would put him offside, and the chan-

Man of
the match:

JOE WATSON
(SC-Hakoah)



● David Mitchell — playing in midfield

ce, no matter how slim, was lost.

Only a few minutes later, it was Hakoah that broke through on a great ball from Joe Watson. He found Grant Lee running full steam on the right flank. His cross was pinpoint and John Kosmina did the rest, heading past Bruce James from some six metres.

It was so simple and so decisive!

And that was just what Marconi missed all day.

The side which disposed of Croatia with its positive play and aggression, failed to find its rhythm and, despite its two or three half chances, never looked like getting a goal.

On the other hand, Hakoah, playing cautiously but with swift counters always looked capable of scoring.

Its second goal was hardly a gem, the ball having rebounded off Frank Farina to roll over the line with Sterrey standing mesmerised on the goal line presuming (incorrectly) that the ball would veer away from the net.

Farina did make the break to face James but had little to shoot at as James fell at his feet. As the ball bounced off

the keeper it hit Farina to roll back into the net!

Apart from these two, Hakoah should have had two more but for some scrappy finishing by the lightning-fast Lee Grant. He was in the clear midway through the first half but his shot from close range and at an angle was brilliantly saved by James.

Then, close to full time, Grant was just inside the box with time to light a cigarette, aim and score, but he blasted a left-footer well over the bar.

I do not wish to be unkind to this talented youngster, for he was the most enterprising forward. He was always willing to take on an opponent, as did Frank Farina.

As for John Kosmina, apart from that goal in the sixth minute, he was hardly seen.

The real battle was in midfield and I would say that on the day, Joe Watson shaded the rest, despite some strong play by Barnes, Henderson and Mason.

Watson was in great touch. His initiative led to both goals and his skills and vision got him out of some tight spots.

With almost nonchalant style, Watson created room for his fellow midfielders while his passes to either an overlapping defender or striker invariably caused concern among Marconi players.

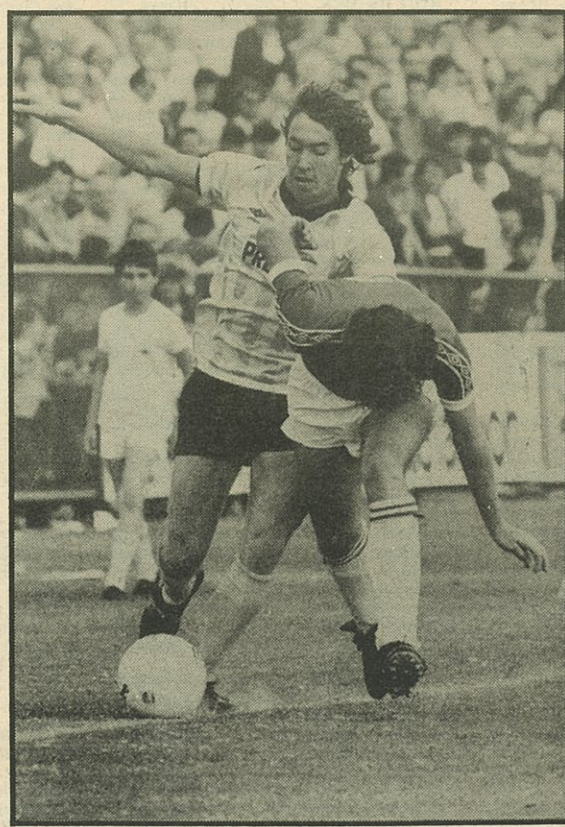
Craig Mason and Murray Barnes, the uncompromising fighters, finished with honors shared, while Henderson remained Marconi's driving force throughout the match but could do little to help Marconi avoid defeat.

Tredinnick worked hard but little else, while David Mitchell looked menacing for Hakoah, playing from an attacking midfield position. Mitch was in fine touch — alert, fast and aware of every opportunity.

It's the end of the road for Marconi and yet another chance for Hakoah to notch an Australian title. The Bondi Premises of the Hakoah Club might do with some extensions for its trophies.

Eddie Thompson, one of the most likeable characters in soccer, must be congratulated for his effort.

Not only for the titles that seem to be rolling in towards Bondi as if all roads ended there, but also for an attitude



● Grant Lee — always willing to take them on.

which did help this grand final end on a happy note.

After some terrible over-the-ball tackles which saw attention being given to at least two players and some attempts at reprisals, most expected Hakoah to come out in the second half dishing out more than its fair share of the heavy stuff.

Not so on this day!

Hakoah came out and played with vigor, but without spite. Sure there was some heavy going at times, but one would have to expect that at any match, let alone a grand final.

And full marks to Richie Lorenc, the man who led this game from start to finish in great style.

He allowed advantage at all times, allowed players to let off steam, sometimes even say too much, but showed full control for the entire match.

He was a late replacement for Chris Bambridge and a most capable one too!

Sickening feeling, says Gary Cole

By
SASO TRAJCEVSKI

Preston Makedonia would have created history had it won the National Cup against Sydney Olympic and the Southern Division championship. No other NSL team has managed the double.

"It was sickening to lose two finals in the space of weeks," said an upset Gary Cole.

Makedonia started the season badly but got its act

together towards the end of the season and finished fifth.

"It took us a while to adjust to Bill Murray's coaching, even though we played well in the Buffalo Gold Cup. The team eventually settled down, and Makedonia started playing well. Bill has helped me, and the team very much. Overall he's done a good job," Cole said.

Against Hellas at Olympic Park last Wednesday night, Cole romped home with two

goals, one of which was a cheeky back-heel effort. Cole put in a meritorious performance in that game and an excellent one in the National Cup final in Sydney.

"The team played well and the forwards received good service from the others. I think I had a good run this season," he said.

Cole holds the newcomers to Makedonia in high esteem.

"Young George Petrov learned a lot from the senior players and he's a fine player. Sean Lane can play anywhere, Steve Smith is a great goalscorer and Warren Spink is also a good finisher. All are excellent players."

Let's hope Gary Cole's and Makedonia's fortunes change next season. Cole has been unlucky in five finals and successful in only one.

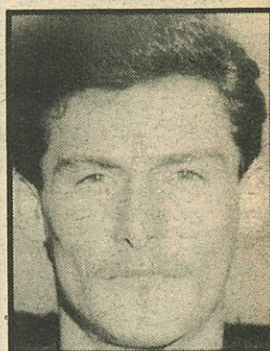
He played in two National Cup finals with Heidelberg and picked up his third-runners-up medal with Makedonia a couple of weeks ago.

In his possession he has one winner's medal, from the victory over Sydney City Hakoah with Heidelberg-Alexander in the 1980 Top Four series.

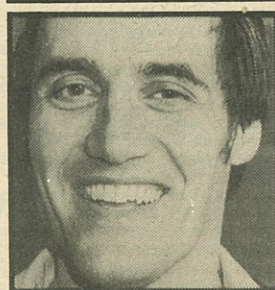
To add to his collection, he gained a runners-up medal on Sunday in the Southern Division grand final.

Cole has been at Makedonia since his transfer from Alexander in 1984. His present contract runs out at the end of season 1986.

With Heidelberg, he spent many a happy season and was twice leading goalscorer of the National League in 1980, with



Bill Piculovski



Bill Murray

Murray praises finals series

Although bitterly disappointed at the outcome of the grand final, Makedonia coach Bill Murray praised the concept of the finals series.

"Soccer clearly must benefit from the finals," he said.

"They've given the media the chance to get their teeth into something, whereas they found that difficult for most of the season."

"The finals matches were great. Everything happened that could possibly have happened, and the game was publicised more heavily during this period than at any other stage during the competition."

He congratulated Juventus and its coach John Margaritis.

"Their moves worked very well for them in the final," he said.

"But it was sickening to lose almost the same way we lost the Cup final against Sydney Olympic. We went into two finals and failed to win. We now will have to analyse why, and try to fix it for the future."

"However, our guys had a fantastic season and they've been a credit to Victorian soccer. No-one can take that away from them."

It's also been a fine year for Bill Murray, in his first NSL season after joining Makedonia from Box Hill.

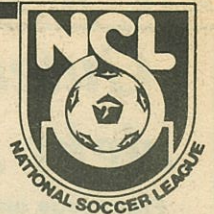
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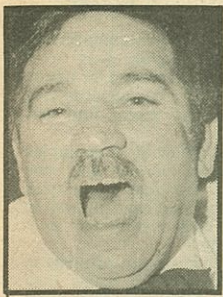
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Juve's 15-year wait

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● Ecstatic team manager, Joe Caruso



● Paul Wade (right) who scored the winning goal, is beaten in the air by Makedonia's Robbie Dunn.



● Juventus's livewire striker Robbie Cullen (right) shadowed by Graham Heys.



Man of the match:
MIKE PETERSEN
(Juventus)

By
LAURIE SCHWAB

BRUNSWICK-JUVENTUS 2 (Petersen 84th, Wade 85th)
PRESTON-MAKEDONIA 1 (Smith 31st), Southern Division grand final at Olympic Park, crowd about 7000. Referee Peter Rampley (NSW) 8.

JUVENTUS: Banovic 6 — Durakovic 7 (Drinoczky 74th), Petersen 10, Brown 8, Campbell 7 — Wade 9, Minichiello 6, Miranda 8, Incantalupo 6 — Cullen 9, Sweeney 7. Coach: John Margaritis.

MAKEDONIA: Traianedes 7 — McMillan 8, Dobson 8, Dunn 8, Heys 7 — Ilioski 8, Petrovski 7, Opasini 6 (Petrov 60th), Lane 8; — Smith 7, Cole 7. Coach: Bill Murray.

Juventus celebrated at the Copperwood Restaurant in Carlton, more enthusiastically than it had for 15 years.

Fabio Incantalupo said: "I've been waiting since I was seven for Juventus to win a championship. It's finally happened."

It was in 1970 that Juve dominated Victorian soccer, winning almost every trophy available. Recently I wrote that this team is every bit as good as Juventus of 1970. I was proven right at Olympic Park on Sunday, when Juve won the Southern Division grand final despite the absence of John Dowie and Peter Lewis who were suspended and Andrew Zinni whose injured thigh failed to stand up to a late fitness test.

"This is the proudest day in the history of Juventus," said club president Tony Schiavello during the victory celebration.

He referred again to the players' trip to Italy if they win the national championship against Sydney Hakoah.

The trip was pie in the sky before the finals series started. Now it is only two games away.

"Now, when they refer to Juventus, they will refer to us as champions," said Juventus's coach John Margaritis.

Paul Drinoczky, who came on as a substitute against Makedonia, reflected the camaraderie among the Juventus players, saying: "I've watched from the bench all year, but it's been great being part of this squad."

Master of Ceremonies Robbie Cullen, puffing on a cigar, called to the microphone Andrew Zinni, whose goal against Heidelberg started



Under that huddle somewhere, is Paul Wade, who just has scored Juventus's winner. At left is Mike Petersen who scored the equaliser. Pictures: LES SHORROCK

ed Juventus's successful finals campaign.

"It's been the happiest day of my life, although I watched from the bench," Zinni said.

Peter Lewis said he missed the second goal because he was getting more drinks for himself and Dowie, who were out suspended. He then broke out into song!

Zinni, prompted by Cullen, led the players into "It's a Grand Old Team," team manager Caruso and Margaritis were praised to the heavens, and so it went, with wine flowing freely and everyone high on the sweet smell of success.

Oh how different it must have been in the homes of the Makedonia players.

Makedonia led for 55 minutes in the grand final and came so close to winning the Southern championship from fifth place!

It was the second bitter disappointment of the season for Makedonia, as it also lost the National Cup final to Sydney Olympic 2-1.

Positional changes by Margaritis paved the way for Juventus's fight back in the last six minutes.

Until then, Makedonia's 1-0 lead, provided by Steve Smith's header in the 31st minute, had appeared secure enough, as Zoran Ilioski and Sean Lane dominated the flanks and Makedonia was attacking purposefully.

Indeed, Makedonia twice had forced Juventus's stand-in sweeper Mike Petersen to clear off the goal line, with goalkeeper Yakka Banovic beaten.

Those two desperate clearances — from attempts by Ian Dobson and Steve Smith — plus his efforts in the last 20 minutes, made Petersen the hero of the match.

But it is Margaritis who masterminded the victory.

Petersen was playing as sweeper because Dowie was absent. Margaritis decided eventually that Petersen's creativity was required in midfield. He also decided that Paul Wade was required in attack.

So he shifted striker Joe Sweeney to right back to allow Wade to play as centre-forward, and pushed Petersen into midfield. Paul Drinoczky came on to take Petersen's centre-back position, and with Sweeney now at full back, Mehmet Durakovic came off.

Durakovic had shown a lot of promise in only his second senior appearance. Rino Minichiello, similarly, showed flashes of great flair in midfield.

Durakovic spent his junior career with Port Melbourne and then had a season with First Division club Budonost when his family returned for a while to Yugoslavia. He had four senior appearances with Budonost and on his return to Australia, was signed by Juventus, apparently on the recommendation of Petersen and Zinni who also played at Port Melbourne.

He scored nine goals in Juventus's youth team while playing as a centre back.

The changes worked perfectly for Margaritis. Petersen's passes set up a series of dangerous attacks for Juventus, and in the 84th minute, he scored the goal that levelled the scores at 1-1.

A minute later, Robbie Cullen who had been living up to his "Tiger" nickname — broke away on the right and Wade was on hand to finish off Cullen's good work for the winning goal.

There were so many Makedonia players who deserved better. Lane and Ilioski, as I mentioned earlier, had done so well on either flank. George McMillan, in his ninth season with Makedonia, had done everything in his power to keep Juventus at bay. Robbie Dunn and Ian Dobson had contributed to the attack and also defended soundly.

But, as Caruso said after the match: "Our boys fought all the way. They have enormous hearts."

Durakovic came close to

scoring for Juventus as early as the fourth minute but was foiled by goalkeeper Phil Traianedes. At the other end, after Smith had headed the ball down, Lane shot too high on the turn.

Petersen's first clearance off the goal line came in the 16th minute. Dobson's header had beaten Banovic, but there was Petersen to head it clear.

Dunn came steaming forward a few minutes later, beating four men on a barging run through the middle, only to be stopped in his tracks by Petersen.

Cullen, who otherwise had an excellent match, probably erred in the 25th minute when he elected to shoot rather than slip the ball square to unmarked Joe Sweeney on his left. Sweeney was better placed to score. Cullen's shot was held by Traianedes.

Makedonia's goal started with a cross by Lane. Smith timed his forward run perfectly, rose very high and planted the ball into the net with a powerful header.

Juventus wasn't done, though. With only seconds left before half time, Sweeney played the ball into space, begging for either Incantalupo or Cullen to put it away but it just eluded them.

Durakovic provided one of the highlights of the game just after the break when he weaved past four opponents on a spectacular run towards goal, which eventually was stopped by McMillan.

Makedonia coach Bill Murray, who has had a wonderful first season in the NSL, replaced midfielder Con Opasini with George Petrov in the 60th minute and play resumed

with Banovic saving a fine header from Dunn.

Cole and Ljube Petrovski worked the ball forward again in the 63rd minute for a shot by Smith. Again Banovic was beaten, and again Petersen cleared off the goal line.

Margaritis made his changes. Wade, now in attack, made his presence felt immediately as he ran on to a cut-back from Cullen, forcing McMillan to make a desperate clearance.

Graham Heys found it difficult to control the ball inside the box in the 78th minute, enabling Minichiello to lay on a pass for Petersen who shot across goal.

Makedonia replied with fine lead-up work capped by a shot from Lane which was turned past the post by Banovic for a corner and as excitement mounted, Traianedes saved a header from Miranda at the other end.

Four minutes left now, and Makedonia looked home.

Suddenly, however, the ball fell for Petersen inside the goal area and he rammed it high into the net.

Cullen broke away, the ball came off the head of Lane who was trying to clear, Wade latched on to it and with the Makedonia defence in disarray, the shot hit the back of the net and Wade was pursued by ecstatic teammates who piled on top of him in scenes reminiscent of those that followed Wade's winning goal against Hellas in an earlier semi-final.

It was all over. Twenty-four men, including the substitutes, had made their bid for glory. Now there were tears of joy and tears of sorrow.



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Gutendorf was right : Thomson

From page one

"They were tough and hard, they would still kick their grandmothers, and Steve Sumner was still their most impressive player," he says. Duncon Cole (ex-Canberra) and Alan Boath (ex-West Adelaide) still were among the regulars.

"The big fellow up front, Hagan, had bags of skill, and I liked the right back, Dunne.

"But we'll be OK Crino and Soper can do anything, with supply from Watson, and Odzakovic maybe, and no one can criticise Frank Arok's team selection. We've got a team of real goers who can handle pressure — players who can take on anybody."

He is unsure about how the team will change when Alan Davidson returns from Nottingham Forest to resume at right back/right midfield. He concedes that it may come down to a choice between Odzakovic or Watson but believes it's more likely that Davidson simply will replace Odzakovic.

Getting back to the league format, Thomson says: "I wasn't in favour of the division of the league two years ago. Now we come up against teams that could never beat us' whereas under the old format, we'd have trouble against sides from interstate. God knows, we had more trouble with Footscray than anyone did."

About the argument that fans need to see their teams every second week rather than every second week which is the case when they play interstate, Thomson says:

"If you see your side only every other week, it makes you keener. Real soccer people go to see other teams when their side is away interstate. For example, when Olympic was playing away, we'd get their fans to see us play against South Melbourne Hellas."

"At the moment, there are too many games in Sydney and Melbourne, and there are not enough good players to go around. Leading coaches are talking about going overseas for talent

next season, which proves the point."

Apart from three points for a win, and bonus points to encourage goals, Thomson also advocates switching the NSL season to summer — from October to April, with a two-week Christmas break — and filling the winter months with an indoor season.

"Double-headers played under lights, or from, say 5pm, would pack in the crowds," he says.

"And people would flock to indoor games in the comfort of say, the entertainment centres in Melbourne and Sydney, or the Homebush centre."

As for the composition of the new NSL, he favours having six from Melbourne, six from Sydney and perhaps two from Adelaide. He wouldn't like to see any clubs excluded but concedes that most want the Queensland teams left out because of poor following for soccer in Brisbane, and high travelling costs.

Asked to name the players who have impressed him most this year, Thomson says:

"Alex Robertson and Joe Watson have been brilliant all year for us (Hakoah) while at Marconi Peter Tredinnick and Tony Henderson have had a good year, and Mark Jankovics played as well as I've ever seen him play."

"David Ratcliffe has been magic in the national team, and Jim Patikas and Zarko Odzakovic have had a great year with Sydney Croatia."

"Alex Bundalo has looked good at Wollongong, and I liked Manis Lamong and John Mihalidis at Canberra."

"Charlie Egan did some great things at Hellas. He's a smashing player. It's a pity he got some wrong advice at the wrong time, otherwise he'd definitely be in the national squad today."

Thomson was referring to Egan's withdrawal from the Socceroos early this year — a withdrawal accompanied by some scathing criticism of the way the squad was run.

Thomson will be looking for a midfielder next year, to cover for Hakoah's Murray Barnes. "He's getting on in



Joe Watson



Alan Davidson



Charlie Egan

years and I don't know whether he'll last another full season. I want someone like him," Thomson says.

What about Jow Watson? He's older than Barnes. "Joe will play forever," he says. "He's getting better and better. He's never been the quickest, but he's a great competitor."

Why, then, is he so often replaced during matches with the Socceroos?

"It's only when we throw in potential goalscorers that Joe comes off. He can run the midfield, but he's not a scorer."

David Mitchell may yet stay with Hakoah next season, despite all the talk about him going to Adelaide Juventus, and Paul Kay is recovering from a car crash which was followed by a hamstring injury.

It looks like another great year coming up for Sydney Hakoah and Eddie Thomson.

Penrith pushes ahead

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Penrith has sent the NSL a solicitor's letter, threatening Supreme Court action if decisions in two matters effecting Penrith's NSL status, go against the club.

The NSL has said it cannot consider the matters until the next executive meeting on September 9.

Penrith will not be relegated if the NSL upholds an appeal by Marconi and also rules that Olympic should lose the points it gained against Penrith because Marshall Soper, who played in that game, should have been serving a suspension.

Marconi has appealed against an NSL decision that

APIA should be awarded the points from a game it lost 0-4 to Marconi on July 29. The points were given to APIA because the NSL found that Marconi's Tony Henderson should have been serving a suspension at the time.

Marconi argues that it did not receive official notification from the NSL that Henderson had accumulated more than the maximum penalty points, and therefore should not have played.

Marconi argues it is up to the league, not individual clubs, to suspend a player.

The original tribunal that heard the case, threw out APIA's objection but a rehearing was ordered because not enough members had been present.

In regards to the Soper case, Penrith argues that Soper had served only a one-week suspension before playing in the match against Penrith, whereas he should have served a second week.

Soper was sent off the field during the match against Sydney Hakoah — and a send-

off demands an automatic suspension. Soper was subsequently suspended for another week on a charge of having brought the game into disrepute.

When Penrith complained that Soper served only one week, the league wrote back that Soper had been allowed to serve both sentences concurrently.

If both cases are resolved in the way Penrith hopes they will be, APIA will be relegated, and Penrith will be saved.

HENDERSON RUNS RIOT

By

ALEX VESIC

MARCONI 1 (Henderson 71st) SYDNEY CROATIA 0. Northern Division preliminary final at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 5,380. Cautions: Henderson, Rizzotto. Referee: Richard Lorenc 9.

MARCONI: James 7 — Carter 9, Sterrey 7, Calderan 8, Rizzotto 8 — Henderson 9, Mason 7, Gray 7, Tredinnick 7 — Lowe 7, Brown 7. Coach: Les Scheinflug.

CROATIA: Watson 8 — Kovacic 7 (Caleta 73rd), Rozic 8, Vidica 7, Basic 7 (Tomasich 65th) — Savor 6, Odzakovic 6, Clinch 6, Dragicevic 6 — Arnold 5, Patikas 5. Coach: Vedran Rozic.

Croatia's 1985 run came

WOES GALORE!

Makedonia's loss to Juventus meant more heartbreak for its long-suffering fans, who have seen the club lose finals galore.

All credit to Juventus. It battled magnificently and John Margaritis's gambles paid off.

But for Preston Makedonia it's been utter and pure misery and frustration, for so long!

They always go down at the last hurdle after leading and playing well.

Here are Makedonia's woes over the past couple of years:

1978: Ampol Cup final against Croatia (then known as Essendon Lions). The score is 2-2, Croatia wins on penalties 5-4,

to an abrupt end at Marconi Stadium after one of the finest displays from the home side in years. Marconi's midfielder ran riot with Tony Henderson the kingpin.

Zarko Odzakovic tried hard at the start but after some heavy tackles midway through the first half the Croatia midfielder eased out of the match.

after Makedonia had led 2-0 at half time. Makedonia also finishes second to Croatia in the State League championship.

1979: State League top four cup final, Makedonia loses to Croatia 1-2. Also finishes third in State League championship, losing out by one point.

1980: In State League Top four Cup final, Makedonia loses to Croatia 0-1.

1983: Makedonia third in the National League after being on top of the table for most of the season.

1985: Runner-up to Sydney Olympic in the National Cup final 1-2. Should have won the match and should have scored two or three goals at least, and led 1-0 at half-time. Runner-up to Juventus in the Southern Division grand final, after leading until the 85th minute.

SASO TRAJCEVSKI

And while Odzakovic failed to find his form in this match and direct much of the Croatia traffic, Henderson grew in stature. His tall, commanding figure ran rampant and he crowned the evening with a gem of a goal.

Paul Carter beat two Croatia players on a sixpence close to the by-line then employed Ian Gray with a fine through ball. Gray ran to the line then crossed for Henderson who buried the ball with a great header.

In the end that goal separated the sides, but on the night Marconi looked by far the more constructive and more enterprising side. Its midfield dominated for the entire 90 minutes and had the play in Croatia's half for long periods, putting an enormous pressure on Watson and Rozic in Croatia's defence.

Steve Watson made superb saves to deny Gray in the 23rd, Brown in the 24th, then Lowe in the 86th, but could do little to stop Henderson's header.

Vedran Rozic tried in vain to motivate his troops but to no avail.

Croatia's front runners hardly were seen in this match and you could be excused for looking at the programme to see if Patikas and Arnold were on the park!

The only Croatia player to come close to scoring was Shane Clinch. He had his shots brilliantly saved by James in the 50th, then again in the 82nd. Clinch was also close to putting the ball into the net at

Man of the match
PAUL CARTER
(Marconi)

the start of the match but he finished inches short of tucking it away when Emil Dragicevic made the burst on the right flank.

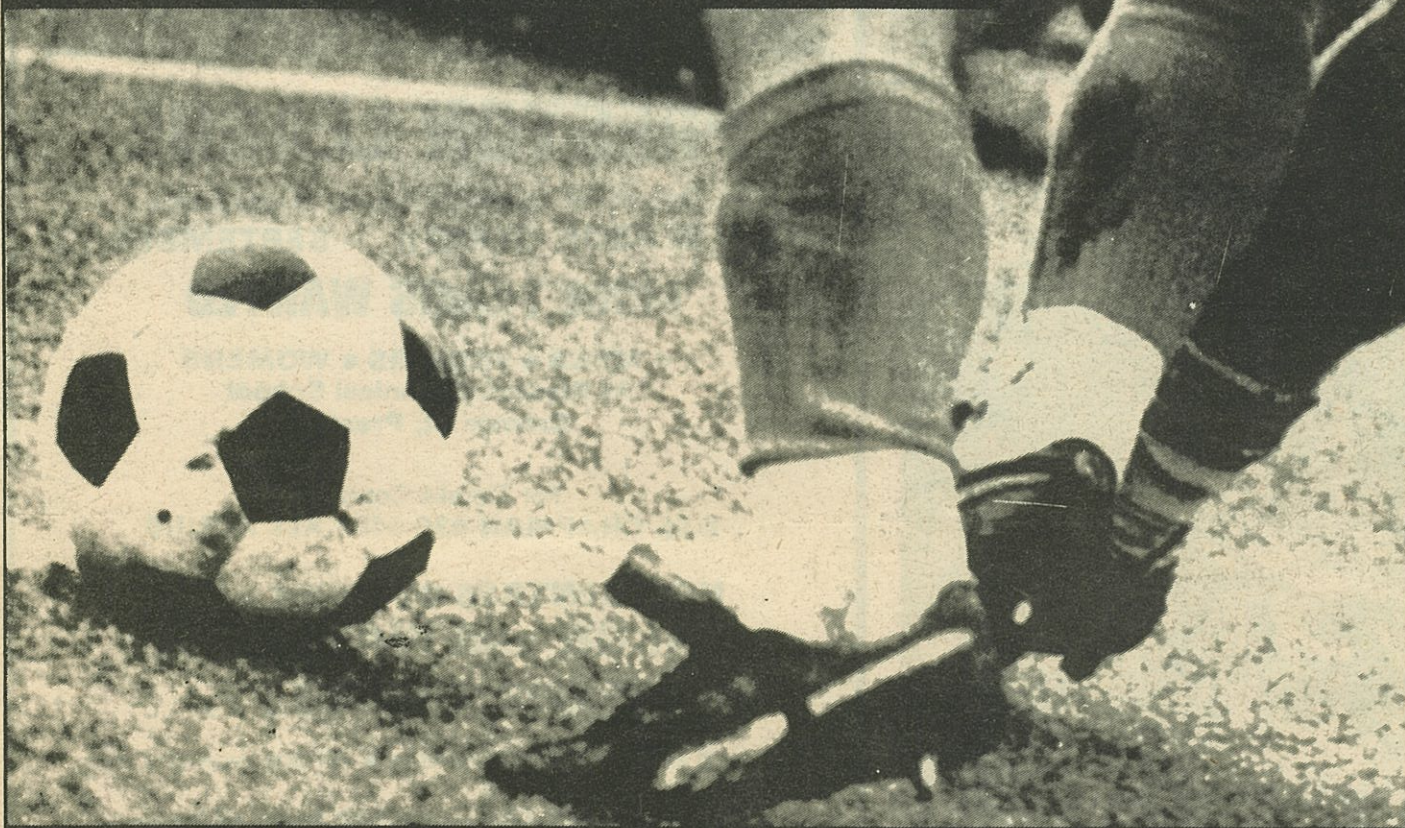
In the end, a disappointing result for NSL administrators. Marconi bundled out two of the crowd pulling teams within four days, and it was as clear as day that neither bunch of supporters were going to travel to St George Stadium to see Marconi battle Sydney City in the final last Sunday.

Despite the win, dark cloud hangs over Marconi off the park. It still is involved in a wrangle over two points against APIA Leichhardt while its soccer president, Ron Cavagnino has resigned over alleged lack of backing by his board members.

Les Scheinflug, after a very successful season with the club, is at the end of his contract with Marconi and it appears that the position of the coach for next season will be decided after the election of a new committee.

Croatia, the loser is content to have Vedran Rozic carry the torch for 1986 with Zdenko Kafka in charge of the youth team. Despite the loss, Croatia is happy with its 1985 showing and already is gearing for 1986, with talk of further imports heading its way.

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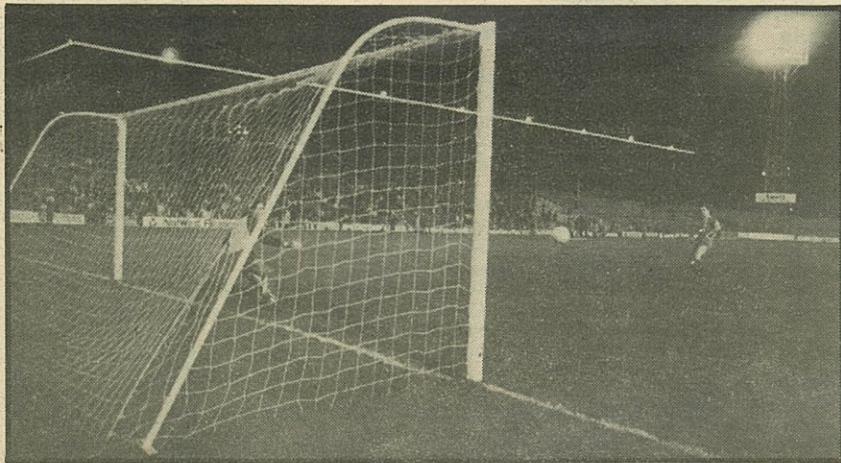
Joy one minute, despair the next and Hellas out of the finals

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

**Man of
the match:
CHARLIE EGAN
(SM-hellas)**



Graham Heys (Makedonia) during the penalties showdown. Pictures by NATHAN RICHTER.

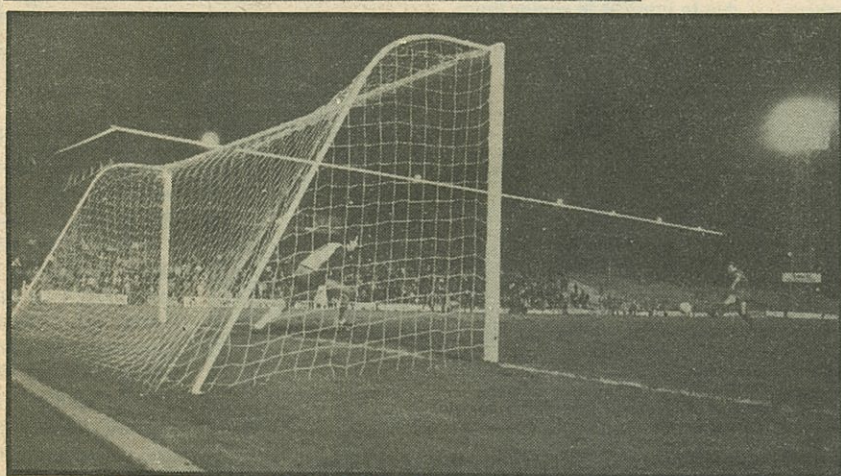


Charlie Egan (Hellas) — scored a hat-trick previously.



Carl Halford of Hellas

HE DID NOT ...



Bobby Russell shoots. Phil Traianedes is about to save.

THEY CELEBRATED



Makedonia fans react to their team's advance to the grand final.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 4 (Cole 87th, 101st, Smith 13th, Ilioski 20th) **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 4** (Egan 12th, 39th, 84th, Brown 116th) after extra time. Makedonia won 5-4 on penalties. Southern Division preliminary final at Olympic Park No. 1. Crowd: about 8,000. Cautions: Petrovski, Dunn (PM); Blair (SMH). Referee: Bernie Upjohn 8.

A minute later scores were level. Hellas had lined up without injured John Yzendoorn. Gary MacDowell and George Mihos were out suspended. Manny Anezakis partnered Steve Blair at the heart of the Hellas defence but their trial relationship was an unhappy one. Peter Vardaxis was left back and it was his poor clearance which was to enable Makedonia to take the match into extra time when all seemed lost. But back to Makedonia's opening goal.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 6 — Russell 7, Blair 7, Anezakis 6, Vardaxis 5 — Kanesoulis 7, Crino 8, Halford 6, Murphy 7 — Egan 9, Brown 5. Coach: Len McKendry.

Eight goals, nine penalties, thousands of hearts joyous one minute, the next plummeting to melancholic depths. This was one hell of a game.

When Makedonia and Hellas players moved wearily toward the dressing rooms after 120 minutes of sometimes brilliant, constantly demanding soccer, a group of young Hellas fans ran onto the pitch and surrounded Bobby Russell, patting him on the back in consoling fashion, for it was Russell's penalty attempt which finally split these sides and ended the 1985 NSL season for Hellas.

Makedonia goalkeeper Philip Traianedes saved Russell's attempt and Con Opasinis converted his to send Makedonia supporters into a frenzy.

Opasinis charged into a group of Makedonia supporters who had invaded the pitch in delight, disappearing under the hail of pats on the back. Traianedes did a war dance along the sideline; Dunn was lifted off his feet by a Makedonia supporter and the big defender threw his arms to the night sky, roaring in uninhibited ecstasy; and other Makedonia players hugged each other excitedly.

Most spectators were just about as drained as the players, for this undoubtedly was one of the classic confrontations in the history of the National League.

"Hellas were brilliant and they could have won the match early in the second half of normal time," said Makedonia coach Billy Murray.

"I thought that their organisation was better than ours but I thought that our flair was better than theirs. I brought on Gary (Cole) I thought that we got on top. He changed the game."

After a spectacular four-goal first half, Murray told his players during the interval that they wouldn't be able to defend and get a result.

"Hellas's weakness was at the back and we had to expose it to have any chance. Charlie Egan was running riot with our defence because every time Robbie Dunn moved forward not one of our midfielders dropped back, so at half time I decided to put Graham Heys on Charlie."

Even with Heys tagging him, Egan was a menace. That's not a straight-out criticism of Heys, it's praise for Egan, who led the Hellas front line in superb fashion. Egan's running off the ball was first class, his pace electrifying, his turns sharp and effective, and he always loomed as the greatest threat to Makedonia's chances of defying the odds, silencing the cynics, and clinching a Grand Final berth.

Egan notched a hat-trick and could have scored six. Some Hellas fans were critical of him for missing chances, forgetting that without Egan Hellas would have labored up front and Makedonia probably would have won the match in normal time.

Makedonia had the best of the early exchanges but Steve Smith shot well over in the 8th minute after great close control by George Petrov had put Smith in possession. Two minutes later a Smith header at the far post was wide.

Then Hellas struck. Zoran Ilioski, wide on the left, tried to play the ball to Traianedes. Egan got there

with his first touch and smacked it in with his second. A minute before the half time break of extra time, Egan burst through yet again. This time, Traianedes spread himself superbly and saved with his legs.

In the 8th minute of the second half of extra time, Egan should have levelled again. Murphy broke down the left and his far post cross found the unmarked Egan, who had dropped off from the two Makedonia defenders in the area. Egan picked his spot then headed firmly, aiming for the far corner, but the ball went fractionally wide of the post.

Four minutes of extra time remained when Brown made it 4-4. He won a race to the ball with Traianedes and struck it into the unguarded goal. Hellas fans were on their feet again. They had been conspicuously quiet after Cole had made it 4-3.

So we entered the penalty showdown with nerves taut on and off the park, after 120 minutes of exhilarating soccer which had thrown up a number of ironies. Cole, that much maligned striker of late, had come on and scored two goals, the first keeping Makedonia in the match. And what of another much maligned front runner, Brown of Hellas? His goal late in extra time, had carried Hellas into a penalty showdown and kept alive its hopes of winning successive national championships. Then there was the case of Makedonia's Lane. Coach Murray had come in for a barrage of criticism throughout the season for playing him in midfield but when Cole came on Lane dropped back into midfield and continued to play well. Petrovski, on the other all season at Makedonia, got his chance in the finals due to injury depleting Murray's squad and the Petrovski who squared up to Hellas never stopped working and gave Makedonia dig in midfield.

Brown stepped up to the penalty spot. Traianedes dived one way, the ball went the other. Cole was next and he made no mistake. Egan, Murphy then Carl Halford all scored for Hellas while Smith, Heys and Lane scored for Makedonia. The penalty count was 4-4.

Traianedes had dived to the same side for all four Hellas penalties. Each time he guessed wrongly. Up stepped Russell and this time Traianedes changed direction, diving to his right, a decision which enabled him to palm Russell's attempt wide.

So it now was down to Opasinis, whose amazing stamina was a feature of this great match. Opasinis spotted the ball, took a short walk back, wheeled around as if to get it over quickly, and struck a low shot into the corner to win the game for Makedonia.

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**Unlucky
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Brown**

"We were a bit unlucky. We made a few mistakes, our young players tried hard and performed well and Charlie Egan did a magnificent job up front by bagging a hat-trick," said Doug Brown about Hellas' close defeat.

He regarded his performance as "O.K." and criticised the condition of the ground. Commenting on Bobby Russell's penalty miss, Brown said: "It wasn't Bobby's fault it was just one of those things. It was just bad luck."

Many people figured that the absence of John Yzendoorn and Gary McDowell contributed to Hellas' downfall, but Brown dis-



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CAN REID'S MEN WIN A TOP FOUR BERTH?

Here are the players who are attempting to carry Polonia into the top four of the Victorian State League for the second year running:

LESZEK DZIELAKOWSKI: 36, goalkeeper. Ex-Polish First Division keeper and captain of Motor Lublin. Arrived in Australia in 1977 and his temporary retirement in 1984 cost the club the Victorian State League championship according to previous coach John Gardiner.

RICKY LIPIARSKI: 28, defender, captain. Product of West Newport juniors. Victorian State representative in juniors and at senior level in 1984 against Northern NSW.

MIREK SMOLAREK: 34, defender. Ex-Polish First Division player with LKS Lodz, arrived in Australia in 1979 and still one of the most elegant and skilful players in Victoria.

KEVIN INNES: 23, central defender. Recruited from Altona City in 1981 as a forward and developed a defensive role at Polonia with credentials now to play at National League level.

STEFAN MILA: 34, sweeper. The dynamic Stefan. Winner of the 1983 Victorian Rothmans Medal, third placed in 1982 and 1984, "Soccer Action" Player of the Year in 1982, Victorian representative 1982, 83 and 84. Ex-Polish junior international and played with Gwardia Warsaw. Injured since Round 12 against Thomastown. A favorite among players, coaches, supporters, reporters and referees and one of the true greats of State League.

DAVID GIBSON: 26, midfielder. Recruited from Wilhelmina in 1984. Ex-Hull City and arrived in Australia in 1982. One of the quickest players in State league but injuries this year have diminished his chances for the Rothmans Medal. Victorian State representative in 1984.

JOHN LITTLE: 23, defender. Ex-Altona City, Preston Makedonia, Shepparton, Lemnos. Australian Youth International during 1981 World Championship held in Australia. Returned to State League this year and re-established his reputation as a dynamic player at senior level.

CLAUDE AVIAN: 20, midfielder or defender. Recruited from Heidelberg in 1984, member of Victorian youth side which was Australian champion in 1984. Solidly built with best years ahead.

DARKO KOLARIC: 21, midfielder. Product of Sunshine Heights juniors and Polonia reserves. Gained first team place this year after outstanding performance

in 1984 with the State League reserves champions.

BILLY AULD: 28, forward. Recruited from Hamlyn Rangers this year and scored a hat-trick against Western Suburbs earlier this season. A tireless worker.

JANUSZ PRZYBYLA: 34, striker. Ex-Polish junior international and First Division player with Motor Lublin. Best season last year under coach Gardiner, winning State League. Top Goalscorer award. Injuries this season have prevented a repeat performance but when in form considered one of the top strikers in Victoria. State representative in 1984.

LESZEK GREGORCZUK: 30, midfielder. Ex-Polonia Warszawa. Arrived in 1984 with a reputation as the top goalscorer in Polish Third Division in 1983. Broken leg, prior to arrival, prevented him from capturing the same form but high skill factor is still evident.

GREG WARSZAWSKI: 22, forward. Ex-Stal Mielec 1982. Recruited from Wilhelmina earlier this season. Polonia top goalscorer with three hat-tricks so far and a truly explosive forward when in form.

JOE VONJA: 24, defender. Ex-Shepparton Lemnos and promoted to first team squad, after solid performances in last year's reserves team with best and fairest medal to his credit.

SAM De LUCA: 24, Midfielder. Recruited from Sunshine-George Cross this year and recently regained his first team place. Unquestionable enthusiasm and has shown improved confidence in recent weeks.

BILLY PANTELLIS: 23, midfielder. Ex-West Adelaide Hellas and South Australian junior, recently promoted for first senior game and shows promise.

SLOBODAN STOJCEVSKI: 22, midfielder. Recruited from Footscray JUST earlier this season. Skill factor high and recently promoted to first team.

GREG CZAPNIK: 23, midfielder. Showed excellent early season form prior to back injury that has prevented him from playing for the past eight weeks.

MICHAEL FRYSZER: 26, goalkeeper. Ex-Hakoah Melbourne and recruited in 1984. Along with Adam Dacks, understudy to Leszek Dzielakowski. Confidence a major part of his game.

EDDIE REID: Coach. Notable achievements with Heidelberg youth side and assistant to Gardiner in 1984 at Polonia, earned him promotion to senior coach this year. Handicapped by injuries to key players but the club still is a final four contender.

DOUG GREGORY: assistant coach. Previously with Moorabbin and has done a great job with depleted squad due to injuries in senior team.



Polonia, back row
gorczuk, Billy Auld,
LES SHORROCK.



Part of the Polonia executive, from left: Chez Plaskota (treasurer), Christine Zaremski (secretary), John Pater (vice president), Richard Makarucha (chairman) and Wally Klain (team manager). Other members of the executive are: Mietek Zurek (president), Eric Rybar (deputy president), Chad Kozicki (assistant secretary), Eugene Snopkowski (social director). Picture: LES SHORROCK

A female touch among the gladiators

Male domination of soccer is obvious to all, but it is particularly heartening when the image of cut-throat competition, perspiration, injuries, cold training nights and swearing, is softened by the presence of females who somehow bring with them a civilising reform among the gladiators who take the field or the backroom boys in committee meetings.

Christine Zaremski, a Risk Management executive,

took on the role of Secretary of Polonia this year without concern about such an environment.

Her main interest was being involved in club administration and the accompanying challenge to improve the status of Polonia to National League level.

Christine says: "You have to love the game initially. You have to enjoy the thrills, suffer the disappointments but always put in the hardwork needed to make the club run smoothly."

Christine has been a success and any male chauvinists out there better keep their views to themselves rather than airing them within earshot of the Polonia secretary.

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From left: Slobodan Stojcevski, Claude Avian, Michael Fryszner, Mirek Smolarek, Leszek Dzielakowski, Leszek Grein Innes. Front row: Darko Kolaric, Greg Warszawski, John Little, Rick Lipiarski, Davie Gibson, Joe Vonja. Picture:

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In 1985, Polonia paid the price for not accepting National League status after Morwell Falcons turned down the invitations as State League champion. It lost Gardiner, Mitten, Gilder and Petrov to the National Leagues while McCluskey, Tront and stalwart Andy Czapnik headed for the lower divisions.

Chairman Richard Makarucha says: "We (Polonia) owed it to the future stability of the club particularly from a financial point of view, to consolidate our strengths in administration, facilities, sponsorship and our junior set-up by fighting our natural ambition to go up."

With Gardiner's departure, Eddie Reid and assistant Doug Gregory took over the reins. The squad was strengthened by new acquisitions Greg Warszawski and John Little and the return of Leszek Dzielakowski and Stefan Mila. Unfortunately injuries to key players have taken their toll on the reduced depth of the squad and the club is presently fighting to regain its position in the top four.

To reinforce Makarucha's comments, president Mike Zurek and deputy president Eric Rybar currently are in Poland looking for new signings for 1986 to exploit the club's natural advantage in bringing Polish professionals to Australia.

Facility wise, earthworks have commenced at Carrington Drive, Albion to house a large sporting and recreation complex, funded by Melbourne's Polish community, which will include the future home ground of Polonia.

Polonia intends using the facility as a home ground in 1987.

The administrative setup was improved with the amalgamation of both the soccer and social clubs including the introduction of Rybar (a Company director), Christine Zaremski (a Risk manager), Eugene

Snopkowski and Makarucha into the executive committee.

These inclusions complemented a strong executive created under Zurek with John Pater, Wally Klain, Chez Plaskota and Chad Kozicki as its members.

The club's sponsorship drive received a major boost with the introduction of Nubrik and a further commitment from Odra Travel as major sponsors in 1985. Polonia cannot compete with the spectator support of the Greek, Croatia, Italian and Yugoslav communities in the short term but with an effective marketing strategy these companies can appreciate the value in being involved with such a growth sport as soccer in not only ethnic communities but throughout Victoria and interstate, wherever clubs like Polonia are playing.

Last year, Polonia affiliated with the Sunshine Heights Junior Soccer Club, a marriage perfectly suited to the requirements of both clubs. Polonia has a depth of junior talent to nurture in the years ahead, while the juniors now have a more direct career path which takes them from under 11's to senior level. In 1986, the club will be fielding an under 18 team for the first time, to allow a further maturing stage of juniors prior to senior level.

Sunshine Heights has a proud history as one of the most successful junior clubs in Victoria and under coaching co-ordinator Tony Vella (an ex-Polonia player) made great strides to improve its coaching panel which includes other well known soccer identities Ian Petherick and Billy Johnston. Currently, the under 13's and 14's both lead their respective leagues with the under 14's in the final of the Victorian Cup to be played next month.

"The key to the future success of Polonia, like any business, lies in management. We at Polonia believe that our present administration, based on either professional people or ex-players, gives us the confidence to plan like successful organisations have done and aim for goals that will make the club the best in Australian within the next four years," says Makarucha.

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Alb. Turk G. 1 Croydon 2

Scores: McDonald 20th, Kerr 56th(C); Gilmour 60th (ATG)
Venue: Selwyn Park.

With these sides poles apart in terms of league status, the point of this game might well have fallen into the realm of cold statistics. But that was until relegation candidate Albion Turk Gucu decided to go out on a high note, pinning Croydon back in its box for most of the second half.

It was a relieved Peter Ollerton who led his sweat-soaked team into the dressing rooms after the match. The relief burst into a flood as Ollie's mob raised the rafters with: "It's a grand old team to play for."

I'm quite sure Glasgow Celtic would not mind its song being used on this occasion.

A tenacious first half performance from Croydon was rewarded when Alex Livingstone picked up a pass and exploded down the left. Gerry Reilly was outfoxed by the

speedy winger's footwork and before the gap could be plugged a posse of Croydon stalwarts arrived on the scene. Livingstone's touch into the packed area bounced off defenders and attackers alike, then Matt MacDonald pounced to thrash the loose ball home.

Steve Douglas was unlucky with a long, raking shot which just skimmed the bar and just before half time Douglas again weaved his magic waltzing past three Croydon midfielders before being stopped in his tracks by Ken Taylor.

Not long after the restart Croydon added number two, again in a packed area but this time from a corner kick. Livingstone delivered the cross, Dave Brogan headed on and Alan Kerr, already running forward looking for the crumbs, aptly was rewarded as he toe poked the ball into the net through a small gap among a forest of legs. The big Croydon midfielder then did a victory somersault.

While Croydon still was congratulating itself, Stuart Gilmour put the cat amongst the pigeons to give Albion that much needed lift. From a long throw-in, Gilmour, completely unmarked, and with metres to work in, looked up and punted a seemingly casual shot high into the goalmouth, the ball dipping at just the right moment before dropping neatly behind a motionless Billy Whiteside.

The home side began to make things distinctly uncomfortable for the visitors. Using the high ball down the middle, goalie Wally Bryden's kick-



● Joe Piccone - almost snatched a draw for Albion but his shot hit the post.

outs were causing City defenders all sorts of bother.

Alan Bennett, from one of those high balls, tried a repeat of Gilmour's goal with a long looping drive, but Whiteside was not to be caught out twice and although having to stretch a bit, punched clear.

Just before time, Joe Piccone hit the post and Mark Brown was forced to bang the ball over his own bar to clear.

Micevski stars

ALTONA GATE VARDAR 2 (Micevski 26th, Talevski 46th) NU-NAWADING CITY 0. Victorian First Division match at Paisley Park Saturday.

ALTONA GATE: Fulkovski, Zoravski (Mitrevski 23rd), Dervisovski, Serovski, Talevski, Micevski, Dimovski, Figueroa, Mantello (Georgievski 70th), Ristovski.

NU-NAWADING CITY: Madjer, Henkel, Brown, Keane, Remmers, Pote, Nellies, Roggero, Pappas (Fahey 78th), Hurlstone (Howells 45th), Middlemast.

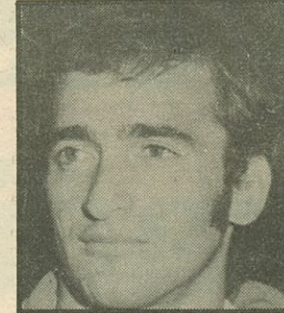
Altona Gate adapted to the windy conditions far better than Nunawading City and was good value for this victory.

Whereas the visitors persisted with the long ball, the home side kept the ball on the ground and played some excellent soccer.

Altona took the lead in the 26th minute, when Mike Micevski met a right wing corner with a firm header. The Nunawading defence thought that the ball was going over the bar but it looped into the top of the net.

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		W	D	L	F	A	Pt
CROYDON C		16	5	3	46	15	37
M'WELL FALCONS ..		15	5	4	43	18	35
BOX HILL.....		12	7	5	40	31	31
WEST SUBURBS.....		11	6	7	35	30	28
Frankston Pines.....		10	7	7	48	36	27
Polonia.....		9	7	8	33	24	25
Northcote		8	8	8	34	37	24
Fawkner.....		8	7	9	38	31	23
Thomastown		7	7	10	26	38	21
Springvale.....		7	6	11	20	26	20
Wilhelmina		6	6	12	25	37	18
St Albans Dinamo		6	5	13	28	46	17
Knox City		5	6	13	17	43	16
Albion Turk Gucu.....		5	4	15	18	39	14

ALBION TURK GUCU 1 (Gilmour 60th) CROYDON 2 (McDonald 20th, Kerr 56th) at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION TURK GUCU: W. Bryden 6-Reilly 6, Jovicic 6, Gilmour 8, Douglas 7-Eraltay 6, Piccone 6, Alfonso 6, Bennett 7-T. Latif 6, Price 6. Coach: Tommy Traynor.

CROYDON: Whiteside 8-Brown 7, Bates 7, Taylor 8, Tansey 7-McDonald 7, Kerr 7, Beech 7, Livingstone 9-French 7, Brogan 8. Coach: Peter Ollerton.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Livingstone (Croy), 2. Gilmour (Albion), 1. Taylor (Croy).

KNOX CITY 1 (Wild 68th) ST ALBANS DINAMO 1 (Morovic 17th) at Egan Lee Reserve, Saturday.

KNOX CITY: McTurk 6-Loy Saisi 7 (G. Bakker 70th), Bissinger 8, Tunstall 6, Byrne 6-Healey 8, Pate 5, Roddis 6-Phillips 5, Underwood 6, Wild 6. Coach: Duncan Smith.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: Debeljuh 7-Ramljak 7-Kustura 7, Brkljacic 8, S. Grgic 7, Pozar 6-Bozic 6 (Kuzman 70th), Culina 7, Dezi 7-Kuna 6 (Juric 80th), Morovic 6. Coach: Tony Vrzina.

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MORWELL FALCONS 4 (Bingham 14th, McGorian 54th, 80th, Athersych penalty 59th) FRANKSTON PINES 1 (R. Nelson 5th) at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Blasby 7-Bingham 10, Tutill 6, Bruns 8, Train 8-O'Callaghan 8 (Wilson 85th), MacLean 8, Moore 8, Cassar 8-Athersych 8, McGorian 9. Coach: Jimmy Dune.

FRANKSTON PINES: Janssen 5-Watson 6, Lawson 6 (Dick 70th), Cumming 6, Ferris 6-Cooke 7, R. Nelson 7, Ross 8, Miller 8-Webster 8, Thomas 7. Coach: Danny McMinimee.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Bingham (MF), 2. McGorian (MF), 1. Ross (FP).

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 2 (Kebede 30th, Corke 74th) at Ross Reserve, Saturday.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Perry Mur 6-Vogel 6, Adams 6, Luyten 4, Matthews 6-Bannon 4, Bentley 4, Luca 4-van Dinteren 4 (D'Amico H.T. 61, Nelson 5, Garvey 5. Coach: Bobby McLachlan).

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Kasimas 6-Verniers 7, Murray 7, Haupt 7, Wemyss 7 (Shannon 75th) — M. Bakker 6, Corke 6, Burton 7-Kebede 6, Storm 6, Stewart 6. Coach: Bill Curran.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Haupt (RW), 2. Burton (RW), 1. Verniers (RW).

NORTHCOTE 1 (Patsakos 37th) BOX HILL 1 (Ramos 75th) at John Cain Reserve, Sunday.

NORTHCOTE: Gianopoulos 8-Kouremenos 7, Cutler 8, Bozikis 7, Stiliadis 7-Patinotis 8, Wilson 8, Filippis 5, Aritis 6 (Moshidis 80th) — Patsakos 5, P. Constantinou 6. Coach: Jimmy Pyrgolios.

BOX HILL: Harrison 6-I. Roodhouse 6, Davidson 6, McMillan 6 (Azopardi 70th), A. Roodhouse 7-Ramos 7, Hughes 6, Hennessey 6, Keenan 5-Griffin 7, A. Humble 6. Coach: Tom Newbiggin (caretaker).

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Patinotis (North), 2. Cutler (North), 1. Wilson (North).

FAWKNER 1 (Cozzella 32nd) POLONIA 0 at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Terzini 9-Schipano 8, Macleod 8, Fattore 8, Hobson 10-Lia 7, Quigley 8, Angele 7, Di Cecco 8-Palinkas 8, Cozzella 8. Coach: Peter Boyle.

POLONIA: Dzielakowski 7-Liparski 7, Innes 8, Bonja 7, Little 8-Pantellis 6, Gregorcuk 8, Kolaric 7, Deluca 7-Auld 6, Warszawski 5. Coach: Eddie Reid.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Hobson (Fawk), 2. Terzini (Fawk), 1. Innes (Pol).

THOMASTOWN 0 WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (Stenson 20th, McGuinness 61st, 72nd) at Partridge Reserve, Sunday.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi 7-di Bernardino 5, Cosentino 8, Arcoraci 7, N. Constantinou 6-Franceschi 5 (Pianalto 60th), B. Coyle 9, Dallas 5 (Smale 60th) — Lakic 5, Beller 5, Temoz 5. Coach: Joe Wilson.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Apostolidis 7-Hamill 7, Diowski 7, Esposito 8, Howe 7-K. Coyle 7, Kakantonis 7, Palmariociotti 7-McGuinness 9, Tuck 9, Stenson 8.

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SCHIPANO BEST PLAYER AWARD

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Leading votegetters:	15-Wilson, Patinotis (Northcote), Brkljacic (Dinamo).
26-Webster (Pines), Cosentino (Thomastown).	14-Esposito (Suburbs).
23-Livingstone (Croydon), Adams (Springvale), McGuinness (Suburbs).	13-Beech (Croydon), Quigley, Boyle (Fawkner), Cooke (Pines), Bingham (Morwell).
20-Hughes (Box Hill), Bissinger (Knox), Culina (Dinamo).	12-Douglas (Albion), Little, Innes (Polonia), Dimovski (Suburbs).
17-MacLean (Morwell).	
16-Gibson (Polonia).	

VSF TRAVEL CLUB AWARD

The VSF Travel Club, in conjunction with Ametco Travel, is sponsoring our 1985 State League Top Scorer award. The winner receives a return trip to Singapore, flying Thai International.

Leading scorers:	Constantinou (Northcote), Morovic (Dinamo).
19-Thomas (Pines).	
17-French (Croydon), Athersych (Morwell).	9-Patsakos (Northcote), Flaherty, Lakic (Thomastown).
16-A. Humble (Box Hill), McGuinness (Suburbs).	
12-Webster (Pines), Warszawski (Polonia).	8-Stirton (Morwell), 7-Toro (Northcote), Nelson (Springvale).
10-Cozzella (Fawkner), P.	

Gurney grabs a point

YARRAVILLE 3(N Meletis 1st, G Meletis penalty 29th, Kissas 75th) MOOROOLBARK 3(Mantel 42nd, 50th, Gurney 85th). Victorian Third Division match at Yarraville Oval, Saturday.

YARRAVILLE: Giatas 7, C. P. Pachristodoulou 7, Eleftheriou 7, G Meletis 7, Tasominos 8, T. Pachristodoulou 7, Eleftheriou 7, G Meletis 7, Tasominos 8, T. Pachristodoulou 7, N Meletis 7, Sumelidis 7 (Fakridas 70th), Tsolakidis 8, Petridis 7, Kissas 8 (inj. off 82nd). Coach: Con Xanthopoulos.

MOOROOLBARK: Scanlon 7, D Reid 7, Van Duppen 7, Brack 8 (inj. off 82nd). Cubbitt 7, Stone 7, Gurney 9, Pentland 7, Mantel 8, Luke 6 (Page 42nd, 7), Klepac 7. Coach: Barry Horsfall.

The first half saw the Barkers concede two goals in 30 minutes.

A shaken Mooroolbark pulled out all stops and started to come forward. It was rewarded in the 42nd minute when Con Giatas was drawn out of goal to try and punch a high ball. Barkers striker Robby Mantel headed home to make it 2-1.

Mooroolbark's second goal came in the 50th minute when midfielder Ray Gurney brought the ball down and pushed it into the six yard box. Mantel latched onto it, rounded Meletis and put a low, angled shot into the net to equalize.

In the 75th minute Yarraville again went ahead.

In the 85th minute Yarraville was in the Barkers territory putting pressure on for a fourth goal, when Barkers full-back Dave Reid, connected with a pass from Bill Stone and took off down the right wing.

Reid passed to Gurney and Gurney and Dave Klepac combined well then Gurney sideslipped Giatas and slotted home the equalizer.

SELECTIONS

VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
Saturday: Doncaster v MORNINGTON; Nunawading City v CAULFIELD CITY; Kew Park Rangers v MELBOURNE; SUNBURY v Broadmeadows.

Sunday: RICHMOND v Altona Gate; Moreland v NORTH DANDENONG; Werribee v Doveton (draw).

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: SANDRINGHAM v Coburg; RINGWOOD UNITED v Altona City (Jubilee Park); Keilor v BELL PARK; Waverley City v North Geelong; Dandenong City v Hamlyn Rangers (draw); SOUTH OAKLEIGH v Royal Richmond; SOUTH MELB MORDIALLOC v Enham.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: Kewling v Prahran (draw); Heidelberg Bundora v PRAHRAN CELTIC; Moorabbin City v YARRAVILLE; Mooroolbark v SPRINGVALE UNITED; YALLOURN v Essendon City; Corio v BULLEEN; GEELONG v Port Melbourne.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: Border v BRIGHTON; Ardeer v EAST BRUNSWICK; Langwarrin v Boroona (draw); Greensborough v HOLLAND PARK; Keysborough v BALLARAT; Lalor United v CLIFTON HILL; FERNTREE GULLY v Rossina.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
Saturday: MALVERN CITY v Regent; HAWTHORN v Clarinda; WILLIAMSTOWN v Abbotsford; West Brunswick v WARRIENA; CLAYTON v Chelsea; Central City v EAST GEELONG.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: BERWICK CITY v Dingley United; Monash Uni v NUNAWADING UNITED; Geelong United v IVANHOE CITY; South Dandenong v NORTH SUNSHINE; Altona United v Melton (draw).

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: Kensington United v ASCOT VALE CITY; FITZROY CITY v Glenroy; Lyndale United v BURWOOD UNITED; WESTALL v Moorabbin; Brunswick City v CRANBOURNE; MITCHAM v Mossfield.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: Balclutha v SOUTH SPRINGVALE; Richmond United v CLARINDA/KOOYONG; MELBOURNE UNITED v Lalor; West United v BATMAN UNITED; WEST MEADOWS v St Kilda; CARRUM UNITED v Port United; MEADOW PARK v Mulgrave.

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
Sunday: MACCABEE v Northern Suburbs; VERMONT v Waverley United; MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY v Old Scotch; Latrobe University v ASCOT ST MARKS; EAGLES UNITED v Epping Thistle; Endeavour Hills v BALWYN CITY.

DIVISION TWO
Sunday: YARRA UNITED v Diamond Valley; BRINTONS v Phillip Institute; Collingwood v RINGWOOD ROVERS; R.M.I.T. v COLLINGWOOD CITY; CONCORDE v Diggers Rest.

Sunday: O.P.A. v EAST ALTONA; RAAF POINT COOK v East Richmond; Northern United v DEBNEYS PARK.



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FAWKNER CONFIDENT; McGUINNESS OUT?

Can anyone other than Fawknor players and coach Peter Boyle seriously entertain thoughts of a Fawknor win against Croydon at Croydon Park on Sunday?

Boyle and his players are extremely confident going into a match which will decide the championship race.

"We (Fawknor) are in a false position on the league ladder and after we beat Polonia last weekend all the lads were talking about getting stuck into Croydon this weekend," said Boyle.

"I really believe that we'll

give Croydon a hell of a game."

And I think Boyle's right. I'm tipping a draw because Fawknor players are in a great frame of mind right now and clearly are responding to Boyle's coaching.

But before the Croydon camp rings me up and blasts me, let me make it quite plain that I'm just about certain that the championship is in the bag. Morwell Falcons travel to

Jubilee Park on Sunday and won't have an easy task provided Wilhelmnia shows as much commitment and determination as it showed in its 2-0 win over Springvale last weekend, a result which gave new coach Bill Curran a flying start to his stint with the Dutch-backed club.

Falcons coach Jimmy Dunne faces a tough selection decision for striker Ian Stinton is available again after suspension. Stinton's front running role alongside Russell Athersch was taken by Mick McGorian last weekend and his two goals against Pines in

Falcons 4-1 win, suggest that he could be more suited to a central attacking role.

Albion Turk Gucu looks set for a return to the First Division, even though coach Tommy Traynor is very confident about beating Northcote at John Cain Reserve on Sunday. Juan Toro returns to the Northcote side after suspension but star midfielder Mark Wilson could be suspended for this match.

Western Suburbs have nosed their way into the top four but go into Sunday's clash with relegation threatened Knox at

Ralph Reserve with an injury cloud hanging over the head of leading scorer Bobby McGuinness, who scored twice against Thomastown last weekend despite a nagging hamstring complaint.

Polonia continues to be decimated by injury but should be able to defeat Thomastown at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday. Had Stefan Mila, Janusz Przybyla, Dave Gibson and Mirek Smolarek enjoyed injury free runs this season, I've got no doubts that Polonia would have entrenched itself in the top four by now. Claude Avian joined the injury list before last weekend's loss to Fawknor.

Thomastown coach Joe

Wilson may make a couple of changes to the starting line-up which went down to Western Suburbs last weekend with youngsters Robert Pinalto and Kevin Carfora coming into the side.

Saturday's games see St Albans Dinamo taking on Springvale at Churchill Reserve while Pines clash with Box Hill at Monterey Reserve. Springvale will be without Mark Matthews, who returned to New Zealand this week, while Pines should have Peter Thurlow and John Cullen back from suspension.

Pines' top four hopes could be dashed if they lose but I'm tipping a draw while Dinamo, which has much more to play

for, could just edge out a Springvale side which was very disappointing against Wilhelmnia last weekend.

SATURDAY
ST ALBANS DINAMO v Springvale at Churchill Reserve, 3pm.

Frankston Pines v Box Hill (draw) at Monterey Reserve, 3pm.

SUNDAY
POLONIA v Thomastown at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.

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Ringwood Wilhelmnia v Morwell Falcons (draw) at Jubilee Park, 3pm.

Northcote v ALBION TURK GUCU at John Cain Reserve, 3pm.

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MELITA EAGLES.....	11	5	6	37	21	27
Ku-Ring-Gai.....	9	8	5	29	22	26
Rock. Ilinden.....	8	6	8	29	22	22
Avala.....	7	7	8	25	24	21
Manly Warr.....	5	9	8	20	25	19
Polonia.....	8	3	11	36	49	19
Uruguayan.....	3	8	11	16	32	14
Narrabeen.....	2	9	11	16	40	13
Bankstown.....	2	6	14	18	51	10

FINAL SCORERS' LIST

12 — Janic (Polonia)
11 — Allan (Melita)
10 — Borges (CM), Brown (RI)
9 — Pop (P), Kirwan (C), Walker (ME)
7 — Bratkovic (P), Dounis, Silva (CM), Beggs (S), Hastie (U), Fontana (FM)
6 — Carney (A), Anagnostopoulos (CM), Baker (FM), Sutherland (K), Vial (ME), Gray (S)
5 — Jeffery (A), Hassan (B), Hantzis (CM), Bass (K), Dal-forno, Hall (S)
4 — O'Shana (U), Mowbray, Morlando (FM), Goldsworthy, Nile (K), Campbell (MW), A Dean (WN)
3 — Lucchessi, Andersen (A), Chilly (FM), Bennett (K), Wilson, Farrugia (ME), Sandtner (N), Sobczyk, Drys (P), Tasker, Meades (S), Papas, D Wilson, Risteviski (RI)
2 — Atlagic, Cotes, Martinez (A), Meerbani, Hamoud, T Antonopoulos, C Antonopoulos, Hosseini (B), Gerald, Piel, Berringer (FM), Kevern, N Williamson (K), Pagano, Leak, Murray, G Williamson, J Dick, J Barker (MW), Dolton (ME), Gale, Van Helden (N), Slavski, Nastoski, Ferguson (RI), Webber, HARRINGTON (S).

URUGUAYAN 0 MANLY WARRINGAH 2 (J Barker 74th, J Dick 80th) at Mona Park.

URUGUAYAN: Tabernaberi 6 — O'Donnell 6, Hastie 8, Krslovic 7, Biriz 6 — Fernandez 6, Estavillo 7, Cuba 6 — Arbelo 6 (sent off 76th), Benales 7, Botero 5 (Carrizzo 75th).

MANLY WARRINGAH: I Barker 7 — Gogic 6, J Dick 8, W Pearce 8, S Dick 6 — Pagano 7, Etherington 7, Holloway 6 — Williamson 6 (G Barker 75th), J Barker 7, Stuart 7.

FAIRY MEADOW 7 (Baker 3, Fontana 2, Chilly 2) BANKSTOWN 2 (Hassan 30th, C Antonopoulos 35th) at Corrimal.

FAIRY MEADOW: Young 7 — Jones 7, Fleming 9, Berringer 7 — Morlando 7, Montecchi 7, Gerald 8 — Chilly 7, Mowbray 7, Baker 8, Fontana 8.

BANKSTOWN: El Zein 6 — Lahoud 6, Meerbani 6, Popovic 6, Rajab 7 — T Antonopoulos 5, C Antonopoulos 5, Nocera 6, Green 5 — Hosseini 5, Hassan 7.

MELITA EAGLES 1 (Walker 70th) SUTHERLAND 1 (Meades 26th) at Melita Stadium.

MELITA EAGLES: Mullen 7 — Laing 8, Wilson 7 (O'Rourke 72nd), McCoy 7, McAusland 7 — Dolton 6 Vial 6 (sent off 77th), Williams 6 — Walker 7, Callinan 5, Hensman 5 (63rd Allan).

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore 7 — Schumann 7, Burrows 8, DalForno 7, Hesford 7 — Rogers 6, Harrington 6 (Groome 68th), Meades 6 — Beggs 6, Gray 6, Hall 5.

POLONIA 3 (J Drys 33rd, 65th, T Druc 89th) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2 (D Wilson 77th, Slavski 84th) at Chopin Park.

POLONIA: Anderson 7 — Chou 7, Vujinovic 7, Colluso 6, Geekie 6 — Drys 9, Sobczyk 8, Mahaman 7 — Janic 7, Pop 7, Bratkovic 6 (Druc 75th).

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kotzohambos 6 — Blackburn 7, Pilovski 7, J Wilson 6, Forester 6 — D Wilson 7, Slavski 8, Triantafillou 5 — Brown 5, Nastoski 6, Risteviski 6.

AVALA 1 (Lembryk 46th) KU-RING-GAI 2 (64th Sutherland, 87th Nile) at Knights Park.

AVALA: Thurlow 7 — Jordan 8, Dobson 7, Lembryk 8, Pratt 6 — Divani 6 (Tracey 61st), Brunetta 6 (72nd Atlagic), Cotes 8 — Andersen 7, Jeffery 6 (sent off 46th), Carney 7.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey 6 — Kevern 8, Bertram 7, Watson 6, Goldsworthy 6 (sent off 46th), — Quigley 6, Bennett 9, Sutherland 7, Brockbank 8 — Bass 7, Nile 7.

NARRABEEN 1 (A. Dean) CANTERBURY 3 (Kirwan 2, Borges) at Narrabeen Sports Centre.

NARRABEEN: Dean 6 — Hanley 6, Jones 6, Watt 7, Parfitt 7 — Van Helden 6, Collins 6, A. Dean 8, Griffin 6 — Snadtner 5, Nacinovic 5.

CANTERBURY: Hummell 7 — Karyspiros 7, Radman 8, Pena 8, Hantzis 7 — Ortega 7, Hormazabal 7, Anagnostopoulos 7 — Silva 7, Borges 9, Kirwan 8.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

IT'S CANTERBURY'S CHAMPIONSHIP!

NSW State League
with ALEX VESIC



Canterbury Marrickville Olympic is headed for the National League following its last round win over the lowly Warringah Narrabeen at the Narrabeen Sports Centre, a result which gave Canterbury the title.

It was one-way traffic during the opening period which netted goals for Nelio Borges and Paul Kirwan, giving Canterbury an almost unassailable lead. Despite some setbacks during the second period including a Narrabeen goal through Alan Dean, Canterbury managed to sail home through a second Kirwan goal.

This win gave Canterbury an amazing 16-game unbeaten streak, including 13 wins. The side is odds-on favorite to win the Grand Final and stake an even stronger claim for the NSL in 1986.

Melita Eagles is another side that will definitely apply for the NSL and despite finishing fourth, Melita has good credentials for an NSL return.

Bankstown bowed out of State League with a 2-7 loss. However, despite notching its highest score of the season, Fairy Meadow failed to make any progress on the league table.

Sutherland took a point from Melita at Melita (not such a strange occurrence at Melita this year) and finished a creditable third, five points away from the pacesetter.

Polonia, still riding high, notched its fifth victory in six outings, this time against Rockdale Ilinden, with Jurek Drys, its Polish import, a two-goal hero. Stefan Janic, despite failing to add to his tally of 12 has become the newest and most probably the youngest ever top goal scorer in NSL.

He has left behind names like Allan, Brown, Borges, Silva and the likes with Andrew Pop and Micky Bratkovic also featuring prominently among the top scorers. There is no question that Polonia has the best fire power in the league at the moment. Janic, Pop and Bratkovic have notched 27 goals between them.

Fairy Meadow 7 Bankstown 2

At Memorial Park.
Scorers: Baker 3, Chilly 2,

Stefan Janic of Polonia is top scorer

after the home team striker tangle with Ross Etherington. It was in fact the fourth send-off in a day of dismissals.

Graeme Warne sent Vial off at Melita, Gary Power did a "double" at Avala with Jeffery and Goldsworthy going for an early shower and Davies had no hesitation in showing Arbelo the colour Uruguayans prefer to see in the hands of the matador, rather than the referee.

Uruguay had the assistance of the wind in the first half but the home side failed to create an opening during the first 45 minutes and it was Manly which did the damage during the second period.

Jeff Barker was on hand to pick up a partial clearance by Uruguay and slam it back past Tabernaberi in the 74th. Following Arbelo's dismissal, Raul Carrizo, Uruguay's player-coach, got into trouble with the referee. After being warned for a tackle he was yellow carded for a repeat of the defence on John Dick of Manly.

To make matters worse, Manly added to its tally late in the game. A free kick close to the edge of the box found Dick and he slammed it low and wide of the keeper.

Both sides will have to improve a lot for 1986 and an overhaul at both clubs is in order with Manly desperately short of bite up front while Uruguay needs a midfield destroyer as well as a strong central striker.

Melita Eagles 1 Sutherland 1

At Melita Stadium.
Scorers: Meades 26th, Walker 70th.
Sent off: Vial 76th.

Melita is no doubt a very progressive club and is very keen to rejoin the National League. Its style and display in the 1985

competition however will not do its cause much good.

Sutherland, another starter in the NSL stakes, was keen to finish above Melita and at the end of this match some Sutherland supporters taunted Melita with: "We are going into the NSL, we finished above you."

And so Sutherland did. Steve Meades got the goal which had the Sharks in front at half time, but Melita protested vehemently. "Meades was offside," claimed Melita players, but to no avail.

Soon afterwards, Barry Walker hit the crossbar with a strong drive from 35 metres.

And just as it looked like Melita would go away empty handed, Laing came into the picture. He timed his run well to move to the left flank before finding Don Allan who crossed for Barry Walker to head past Burchmore.

A moment later, Lenny Vial was sent off.

Both sides enter the play-offs looking to salvage some pride with a Grand Final win, but it is not going to be easy with Canterbury flying high at the moment.

Polonia 3 Rockdale 2

At Chopin Park.
Scorers: Drys 33rd, 65th, Druc 89th (P), D Wilson 77th, Slavski 84th (R).

Polonia continued its good form with a narrow win over Rockdale Ilinden at Chopin Park. Despite having won five of its last six matches, Polonia finds itself no higher than ninth on the table mainly due to a very poor start to the season.

But the club celebrated on Sunday night — an honor it had never won in the State League — having one of its players as the top goal scorer in the league.

Stefan Janic, the youngster who was brought to Polonia from Albury by Veselin Vojnovic, proved the most valuable purchase of the season.

He scored 12 goals this season with eight scored in the last seven rounds.

Jurek Drys was another celebrity in the clubhouse after the match. One of the most exciting players yet to come from Poland, he combined with Henjek Sobczyk to score two goals and demolish Rockdale.

His first goal followed a free kick. He hit his shot low and hard, just inside the post, giving Kotzohambos no chance. Drys' second was followed by Polonia inexplicably slumping back allowing Rockdale to crawl back into the match. In the space of seven minutes, Ilinden was back on even terms before Thomas Druc scored in the dying seconds to give Polonia its eighth win of the season.

Avala 1 Kuringai 2

At Knights Park.
Scorers: 46th Lembryk, 64th Sutherland, 87th Nile.
Sent off: Goldsworthy, Jeffery.

For the second time this year Ku-Ring-Gai has beaten Avala and for the second time its win was achieved in the dying moments of the game.

Glen Jeffery an expensive Avala recruit from Ku-Ring-Gai was in fact involved in a clash with Goldsworthy and both players were sent off in the 46th minute.

Since Goldsworthy was adjudged to have fouled Jeffery prior to the scuffle, the free kick went Avala's way and John Lembryk scored with a low drive from 22 metres.

However, there was no joy for Avala in the end.

David Bennett, the best player on the park, laid off a neat pass for Lee Sutherland to head home in the 64th, then with minutes to go, Bass headed on a Lacey clearance for Nile to run through and score.

It was a bitter pill for Vic Dalgleish, the Avala coach, to swallow. He tried, with little success, to create a new side at Avala but I fear he has tried to do it with too many veterans. Martinez, Murray, Tracey, Dobson, Divani and Carney all failed to deliver.

PRAISE FOR LES AND MAESTRO DES

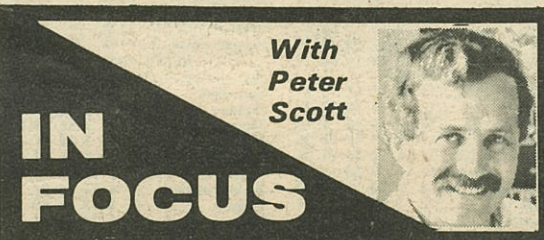


This is the time for end-of-year kudos and one would be hard pressed to pass up Les Scheinflug of Marconi when handing out compliments.

To put it succinctly, Les had done a hell of a job, bouncing back after the trauma of experiencing soccer administration Sir Arthur George-Style. It is reliably reported that the back of his jacket is now armour plated.

So what was behind last week's headlines in the media, alluding to the possibility of Marconi not wanting his services next year? Why was there a need for the team's skipper, Tony Henderson, to go public on behalf of his fellow players, appealing for the club to retain Scheinflug's services?

"Just newspaper talk," the quietly spoken coach stated last Sunday, but is it?



With Peter Scott

Marconi did ask the former national coach to sign on the dotted line again, but there was a hold-up over Les's remuneration for 1986.

"Coaching is my profession and it is something I must keep in mind," he said. My bet is that there will be a meeting of minds and Scheinflug will continue the excellent work he already has done in rebuilding Marconi. Overall, the Italian club provided Hakoah's toughest opposition in 1986: Who knows, it may go one better next season.

Future OK

ting its soccer outfit surfaced again a few weeks ago.

The anti-soccer brigade — still a majority on the club's board of directors — seized upon the ugliness of the Pratten Park riot to push its discredited line again. Nor is the situation likely to change under the club's present set-up, which ensures a permanent, unopposable tenure for these directors, without any possibility of a change of the balance of power by democratic elections.

It is nice to be able to report, though, that the future is assured — at least for one more season. Eddie Thomson

It is, of course, hard to get rid of a team which just keeps on winning championships.

And, believe it or not, home support is starting to increase again after years of stagnation, as witnessed by the majority of Hakoah supporters in Sunday's Grand Final crowd and their joyous celebration in the stands after the final whistle.

Certainly, no other bunch of players has to put up with pressures from on and off the field which the champion Blues are submitted to year after year and, amazingly, they keep coming up with the goods.

Tribute to Dez

Deserved tribute is about to be paid to one of the greatest talents to grace Australian soccer in recent years.

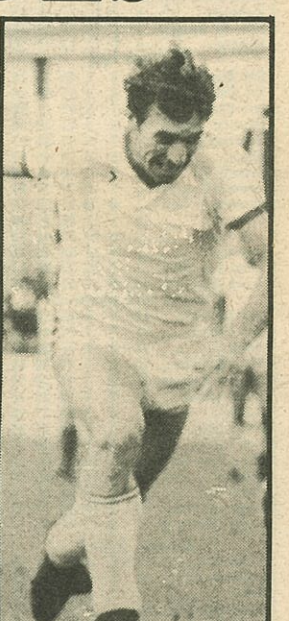
On September 11, the Soceroos will run onto the turf at St George Stadium against

match. It would be nice to think that soccer fans would swell the gate takings to meaningful proportions by turning up and cheering Dez on.

It would be a small way of thanking him for the magnificent skills he has displayed over the years, even as those years started catching up with him.

In an age when one hears so much about so-called professionalism, commitment, etc, mostly employed to disguise glaring deficiencies in skills by so many of today's "stars", it was a revelation to witness Dez at his smooth, unpredictable, deadly, spectacular best in so many games.

I only can voice a slight regret and a resounding hope on the occasion of his testimonial. Regret that he hadn't arrived in Australia years earlier, and hope that upon his eventual retirement from the top grade he will get the opportunity to pass on his talents to the best among our youngsters.



Clarinda.....	6	5	5	27	24	17
Springvale City.....	6	3	6	27	24	15
Karlingal.....	6	3	6	35	36	15

GROUP THREE Sampdoria 1 Monopoli 0
Catania 1 Atalanta 1
GROUP FOUR Empoli 1 Internazionale 1,
Avellino 0 Cesena 0
GROUP FIVE Bologna 1 Verona 0, Parma
0 Pisa 0
GROUP SIX Milan 1 Reggiana 0, Udinese
4 Genoa 0

Melita back in the big time?

By ALEX VESIC

Melita Eagles, early favorites to win the NSW State League title this year, have had their hopes of a championship dashed. Even though the Eagles clearly didn't deserve league success, they still loom outstanding candidates for an NSL berth next year.

It's on the cards that Fairy Meadow and Wollongong will

join forces next year with either John Fleming or Adrian Alston in the coaching seat, which leaves the other three top NSW clubs to vie for a possible vacancy in the NSL, should Penrith be relegated.

Canterbury, Melita and Sutherland will vie for that spot.

Sutherland is reluctant to show its hand at the moment but it is common knowledge that Canterbury or Melita gladly will take the opportunity to step into the big league.

Melita and Canterbury will finish in the top four but posi-

tions on the league ladder greatly will reduce or enhance applications should the time for promotion come. But should the two clubs finish level on points when I would have no hesitation in giving Melita the nod, simply because of its facilities.

Melita has acquired land in Granville under a 99-year lease agreement with the Parramatta council and has built a Stadium which officially was opened by Premier Neville Wran in 1981. Since then, the club has made sure that the facilities at the ground have developed further.

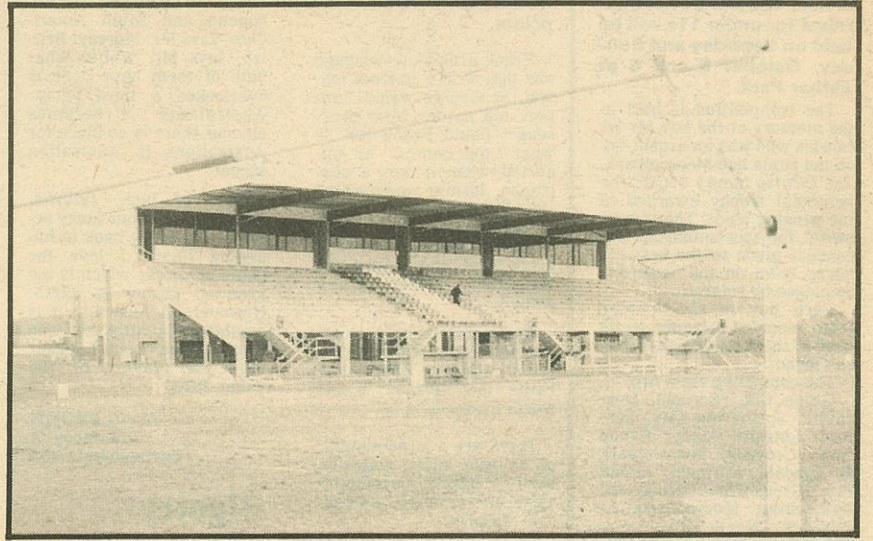
Recently, its good-looking stand which can hold 1600 spectators, was completed and Melita officials, players and supporters are beaming with delight. They are confident that this is only the start of Melita's return to the big time.

"What a difference the stand makes to Melita Stadium," said Kenny Wilson, Melita's hard working captain. "It gives the Stadium that look of professionalism and with our vocal supporters in it the sound is just great."

For Melita, the long wait is over. Its new stand took two years of planning, building and spending with the cost estimated at close to \$500,000.

Laurie Dimech, Melita's ex-club secretary, was the man who started the drive which was to give Melita the best grandstand in the western suburbs of Sydney. It was Dimech who laid the foundation for this project and who got the Parramatta City council involved. Donald Agius, the manager of Melita Stadium, was the man who took over from Dimech to see this project to its completion.

Last week I met Sam Vella, the club's secretary and Agius. Looking at the new stand, Vella exclaimed: "This is a sight for sore eyes. Without any fear of contradiction,



Melita's new \$500,000 grandstand

Melita Stadium is the best in the west."

"It was a good team effort," said Agius. "Everyone chipped in. From the committee members to our loyal supporters. We received a grant from the federal government of some \$268,000 and the rest came from the club's coffers, but mostly from the great involvement of our supporters. This initial sum of just over a quarter of a million was enough to spur all of us on. It was given to the club through the CEP (Commonwealth Employment Project) and the funds were administered through the state government of NSW."

The Melita ladies auxiliary, the supporters group, and the committee; all helped, and the stand took its final shape some weeks ago. Final touches to the VIP room, Press rooms, TV box as well as some extra space under the roof of the new grandstand still have to be completed but they are only small details in comparison

with what has been done so far.

Granville Soccer Club was the first football club to be formed in Australia. Melita is the first club in the west to own such a great ground and such a stand. At a time when most football codes are housed on ancient, council grounds, Melita has moved forward towards 20th century facilities.

Its style of play may not be conclusive to great entertainment at the moment but most at the club agree that with facilities to please its vocal support a fine style will follow. It is that kind of atmosphere that lifts the side to greater heights, and Wilson believes that greater times are ahead.

Melita has enjoyed a good relationship with the local council. Apart from the 99-year lease and subsequent applications for other developments, Melita now is eagerly awaiting the council's decision to allow the club to

develop a parking area on the vacant lot (already leased by Melita) at the northern end of the ground.

Parking was a real problem in the past few years. Secretary Vella recently has pointed out to Melita's supporters that parking facilities could be found at the side of the ground, indicating that parking in driveways or on footpaths could lead to fines being imposed by police.

Some supporters failed to heed the advice and were booked.

"That can be avoided by following the simple instructions offered in our club magazine," said Vella.

"Ultimately our new parking facilities will solve this unpleasant situation. We enjoyed the support of the Parramatta council in the past and we are looking forward to their support at present. I see no reason to believe that approval will not be given for the building of the car park," said a confident Agius.

SPAIN
Results: Osasuna 0 Athletic Bilbao 1, Atletico Madrid 3 Sevilla 0, Real Zaragoza 1 Hercules 0, Racing 0 Barcelona 0, Espanol 5 Cadiz 0, Valencia 2 Real Valladolid 1, Real Betis 2 Real Madrid 2, Real Sociedad 1 Celta 1, Las Palmas 1 Sporting 3

AUSTRIA
Results: LASK 2 Admira Wacker 1, Sturm Graz 1 Austria Klagenfurt 1, SC Eisenstadt 1 SSW Innsbruck 1, SAK 1 Voest Linz 1, Austria Vienna 0 Rapid Vienna 0, DSV Alpine 0 GAK 7

Leading standings
Rapid Vienna.....3 0 19 5 9
Austria Vienna.....4 1 17 4 9
Sturm Graz.....1 6 0 7 5 8
SSW Innsbruck.....2 4 1 11 13 8
GAK.....2 3 2 14 10 7

POLAND
Results: Lech Poznan 2 Gornik Walbrzych 2, Motor Lublin 2 Slask Wroclaw 0, Zaglabie Sosnowiec 0 LKS Lodz 4, Gornik Zabrze 4 Baltyk Gdynia 0, Widzew Lodz 1 Stal Mielec 0, Legia Warsaw 3 Zaglabie Lubin 0, Pogon Szczecin 2 Ruch Chorzow 2, Lechia Gdansk 0 GKS Katowice 0

Leading standings
Widzew Lodz.....4 3 0 11 4 11
Ruch Chorzow.....5 1 13 7 11
Gornik Zabrze.....5 0 22 6 11
Legia Warsaw.....4 2 13 8 10
Lech Poznan.....2 4 1 8 6 8

ARGENTINA
Buenos Aires: River Plate lost its unbeaten record and was knocked off the top of the Argentine First Division table when beaten 1-0 at home by World Club champion Independiente in an eighth round match last weekend.

Striker Jose Percudani, who scored the goal that gave Independiente the world title in a 1-0 victory over England's Liverpool last year, netted in the 27th minute.

Other results: Boca Juniors 2 Platense 2, Deportivo Espanol 2 Temperley 0, Gimnasia Y Esgrima 1 Instituto 0, Velez Sarsfield 2 Huracan 0, Newell's Old Boys 2 Union 0, Racing De Cordoba 1, Estudiantes 1, Talleres 3 San Lorenzo 0, Chacarita Juniors 1 Argentinos Juniors 2

Leaders after eight rounds: Argentinos Juniors 13 points; River Plate and Newell's Old Boys 12; Deportivo Espanol 11; Instituto 9; Estudiantes, Boca Juniors, Talleres and Ferro Carril Oeste 8.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA
Results: ZVL Zilina 1 Spartak Trnava 0, Dukla Banska Bystrica 3 Inter Bratislava 0, DAC Dunajska Streda 0 TJ Vitkovice 0, Sigma Olomouc 6 Bohemians Prague 1, Banik Ostrava 4 Lokomotiva Kosice 0, Slavia Prague 2 RH Chas 1

PORTUGAL
Results: Salgueiros 1 Porto 1, Aves 1 Sporting 2, Benfica 9 Maritimo 0, Setubal 0 Portimonense 0, Covilha 0 Guimaraes 0, Penafiel 0 Boavista 1, Chaves 2 Belenenses 0, Braga 3 Academica 1

Leading standings
Sporting.....2 0 0 8 1 4
Boavista.....2 0 0 3 0 4
Porto.....1 1 0 3 1 3
Chaves.....1 1 0 3 1 3
Guimaraes.....1 1 0 1 0 3
Portimonense.....1 1 0 2 1 3
Benfica.....1 0 1 9 2 2

Midweek results: Porto 2 Benfica 0, Sporting 2 Penafiel 0, Boavista 2 Salgueiros 0, Maritimo 2 Covilha 0, Guimaraes 1 Setubal 0, Belenenses 1 Aves 1, Academica 1 Chaves 1, Portimonense 2 Braga 1.

FRANCE
Results: Nice 0 Paris-S.G. 0, Marseilles 1 Nantes 0, Lille 1 Lens 0, Bordeaux 5 Monaco 1, Brest 0 Nancy 2, Toulouse 2 Metz 0, Le Havre 10 Rennes 0, Bastia 2 Strasbourg 0, Auxerre 3 Sochaux 2, Laval 2 Toulon 0.

ALGERIA
Results: M.P. Oran-Algiers 0-0, Hussein Dey-Ain M'Lila 1-1, Ain Beida-Collo 1-0, Bel Abbes-Mascara 3-2, Annaba-Bordj Menaïel 1-1, Tizi Ouzou-Guelma 4-0, Setif-Chlef 2-0, Boufarik-Tlemcen 3-0, Relizane-Belcourt 2-2, Harrach-ASC Oran 1-0.

BELGIUM
Results: Lierse 3 FC Liege 1, Beerschot 1 Kortrijk 0, Charleroi 2 Ghent 3, Lokeren 2 Antwerp 0, Waregem 3 Mechelen 0, Waterschei 1 Beveren 1, Anderlecht 2 Cercle Bruges 3, Club Bruges 4, Molenbeek 1, Seraing 0 Standard Liege 0.

Leading Standings
Beerschot.....3 2 0 6 1 8
Anderlecht.....3 1 1 15 7 7
Club Bruges.....3 1 1 11 6 7
Beveren.....3 1 1 9 7 7
Ghent.....3 1 1 8 7 7
Waregem.....2 2 1 7 3 6

BULGARIA
Results: Slavia Sofia 1 Vratsa 0, Vitosha 2 Kokomotiv Sofia 0, Trakia 2 Kokomotiv Plovdiv 2, Dounav 3 Akademik Svishov 2, Sliven 2 Spartak Varna 1, Pirin 1 Sredets 2, Spartak Pleven 2 Beroe 2, Cherno More 2 Etur 0.

Leading Standings
Sredets.....2 0 0 5 1 4
Trakia.....1 1 0 6 2 3
Beroe.....1 1 0 5 2 3

ROMANIA
Results: Dinamo Bucharest 2 FC Olt 0, Rapid Bucharest 4 FC Bihor Oradea 0, Universitatea Craiova 3 SC Bacau 1, Universitatea Cluj Napoca 1 Sportul Studentesc Bucharest 1, Corvinul Hunedoara 4 FCM Brasov 0, ASA Targu Mures 1 Steaua Bucharest 2, Gloria Buzau 3 Politehnica Timisoara 0, Petrolul Ploiesti 1 Victoria Bucharest 1, FC Arges Pitesti 2 Chimia Rimnicu Vilcea 1.

Steaua Bucharest leads the table after five rounds with 10 points, followed by Universitatea Craiova with nine and Dinamo Bucharest with eight points.

SWITZERLAND
Results: Basle 1 Sion 0, Servette Geneva 4 St Gallen 1, Lucerne 3 Baden 0, Grasshoppers Zurich 5 La Chaux-de-Fonds 1, Neuchatel Xamax 9 Zurich 1, Wetztingen 1 Aarau 6, Grenchen 2 Vevey 1, Lucerne 3 Baden 0, Lausanne 3 Young Boys Berne 3.

Leading Standings
Servette Geneva.....5 1 0 16 6 11
Lucerne.....4 1 1 15 7 9
Neuchatel Xamax.....4 0 2 23 10 8
Aarau.....3 2 1 17 9 8
Young Boys Berne.....2 4 0 9 7 8
Grasshoppers Zurich.....3 1 2 14 8 7

Midweek results: Young Boys Berne 2 Wetztingen 1, Zurich 1 Basle 1, Vevey 4 Lucerne 2, Sion 3 Neuchatel Xamax 1, St Gallen 2 Grasshoppers Zurich 2, La Chaux-de-Fonds 1 Servette Geneva 1, Baden 1 Grenchen 6, Aarau 2 Lausanne 2.

RUSSIA
Results: Dynamo Kiev 5 Dynamo Moscow 0, Torpedo Kortaïsi 1 Spartak Moscow 2, Metallist Kharkov 1 Shakhtyor Donetsk 0, Torpedo Moscow 0 Dynamo Minsk 0, Chernomorets Odessa 2 Fakel Voronezh 1, Dniepr Dnepropetrovsk 2 SKA Rostov 0, Kairat Alma Ata 2 Zenit Leningrad 1.

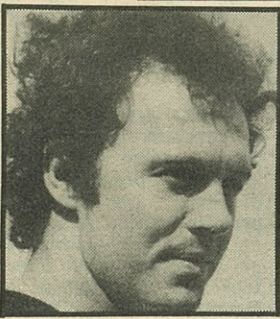
EAST GERMANY
Results: Lok Leipzig 1 Kar-Marx-Stadt 1, Dynamo Dresden 4 Hansa Rostock 3, Dynamo Berlin 3 Magdeburg 1, Stahl Brandenburg 1 Wismut Ave 0, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 2 Union Berlin 0, Sachsenring Zwickau 0 Stahl Riesa 2, Vorwaerts Frankfurt 0 Carl Zeiss Jena 0.

Leading Standings
Dynamo Dresden.....3 0 0 9 5 6
Dynamo Berlin.....2 1 0 6 3 5
Lok Leipzig.....1 2 0 5 2 4
Rot-Weiss Erfurt.....1 2 0 6 4 4
Carl Zeiss Jena.....1 2 0 4 2 4
Stahl Riesa.....2 0 4 2 4 1

Midweek results: Kar-Marx-Stadt 1 Vorwaerts Frankfurt 1, Carl Zeiss Jena 2 Sachsenring Zwickau 0, Stahl Riesa 2 Rot-Weiss Erfurt 2, Union Berlin 1 Stahl



• Melita secretary Sam Vella (left) and ground manager Don Agius, in the canteen beneath the new grandstand.



• Franz Beckenbauer

Each sport has its "Grand Slam". Tennis has Wimbledon, the U.S. Open, the French Open and the Australian Open. European Soccer has the following winners' medals that can be won at international level:

World Cup, European Football Championships (Nations Cup), Olympic Gold Medal, European Champions' Cup, European Cup-Winners Cup, U.E.F.A. Cup, European Super Cup, European Footballer of the Year, World Club Championship, National League Championship, National F.A. Cup, National Player of the Year Trophy and optional, National League Cup.

Total winners' medals and awards available are 13.

Franz Beckenbauer the former libero of Bayern Munich and West Germany, leads jointly with his former club and international team mate Gerd Mueller with winners medals in 10 out of 13 competitions in European Football.

Beckenbauer played 103 ties for West Germany and his clubs were Bayern Munich, New York Cosmos and Hamburg S.V. He was a fantastic player who revolutionised the position of free back. The position was named libero (free). From personal memory he was one of the few defensive players who could dribble magnificently. Many of his team mates in the West German and Bayern Munich teams also picked up glittering prizes.

1984 European Super Cup.

1984 European

Goalkeeper Pat Jennings, capped 109 times, has rejoined Tottenham Hotspur, which he left for Arsenal eight years ago.

• Athletic Madrid signed Uruguayan striker Jorge Da Silva from Defensor.

• Former Brisbane City player Frank Liddell is now

Michel chases Franz

By SASO TRAJCEVSKI

One of them is Muller, nicknamed "Der Bomber", for his goalscoring exploits. He played 62 times in the national team and scored 65 goals — a 104.84% scoring rate, meaning 1.04 goals every international. He shares the prizes record with Beckenbauer.

Their team-mate Joseph Maier, the keeper of West Germany and Bayern, has 9 medals out of 13.

George Best has only four out of 13. His prizes are 1965, 1967 English 1st Division championship winners' medals, 1968 European Footballer of the Year award, 1968 European Champions' Cup winners' medals, and 1968 English Footballer of the Year.

Another artist of the game, Johan Cruyff of Holland and Ajax, has 7 out of 13 winners medals. He played 55 times for Holland and holds the record of most European Footballer of the year awards. He won three in 1971, 1973 and 1974.

Alfredo Di Stefano (Real Madrid) has 6 out of 11 (because the Super Cup started in 1972, he had retired by about 1967, and Spain had no League cup then, either).

Ferenc Puskas (Real Madrid and Hungary) also has 6 out of 11.

In South America, the fabulous Pele has 6 out of 8.

In the eighties three players emerge as candidates to displace Beckenbauer and Muller. One of them is Michel Platini of Juventus and France who has 8 out of 12 (Italy doesn't have a League Cup competition).

His list of credits is: 1983, 1984 European Footballer of the year. 1984 European Cup-Winners' Cup.

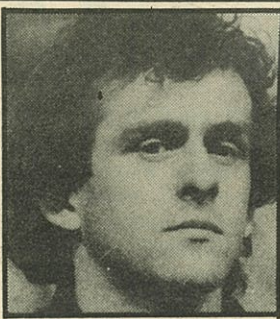
1984 European Super Cup.

1984 European

the reserve side's player-coach, he began the season in the first team.

• The future of Roberto Falcao was, at last, determined when Sao Paulo secured his transfer from AS Roma.

• Terry Venables has signed a contract which will keep him at



• Michel Platini

Championship.

1985 European Champions' Cup.

He has picked up Italian and French championship and F.A. Cup winners' medals, and has been French footballer of the year.

Platini has the chance to take the lead if he can pick up a World Cup winners' medal with France in Mexico and if Juventus can beat its South American opponent in the World Cup Championship held in Tokyo in December.

Gaetano Scirea also has the possibility to share the lead. He is currently on 8 out of 12.

Paolo Rossi, the Italian World Cup hero, has 8 out of 12.

Bobby Charlton has 6 out of 13. Kenny Dalglish has 5 out of 13. Ray Clemence 6 out of 13. Peter Reid and Neville Southall have both 4 out of 13.

No one seems likely to win the whole Soccer Grand Slam, because the stumbling block seems to be the Olympic Gold Medal for soccer. No player who makes the big time seems to compete in the Olympic games. The exceptions are Ferenc Puskas and his Hungarian team mates of the fifties (Vidinic, Jusufi and so no), and not forgetting the big Russian, Lev Yachin.

Three players in the history of European competition have won all three major winners' medals — European Cup, Cup-Winners Cup, and U.E.F.A. (Fairs cup). They are:

Fabio Cudicini (A.C. Milan and A.S. Roma)

Gaetano Scirea (Juventus)

Marco Tardelli (Juventus)

Italy is the only country that has won every major international and club tournament in Europe and the world.

200 goals in the Soviet First Division.

• A tribunal has ruled that Nottingham Forest must pay Hibernian \$400,000 for the transfer of Scottish under-21 international Brian Rice.

• A goal by Andreas Ravelli gave Sweden an 1-0 victory over Poland in their friendly

AROUND THE WORLD

Gheorghe Hagi provided further confirmation that he is one of the outstanding players in Europe when he inspired Romania to a 2-0 victory over Finland in their World Cup group three qualifying tie.

The 20-year-old student put Romania within sight of a place in the 1986 finals by scoring the opener after six minutes, then setting up the decisive second goal for Dorin Mateut 12 minutes into the second half.

ROMANIA: Dumitru Moraru, Mircea Rednic, Costica Stefanescu, Nicolae Unureanu, Dorin Mateut, Gino Iorgulescu (Stefan Iovan 67), Marcel Coras (Romulus Gabor 46), Michael Klein, Rodion Camataru, Ladislav Boloni, Gheorghe Hagi.

FINLAND: Olli Huttunen, Leo Houtsonen, Jyrki Nieminen, Jari Europaeus, Jukka Ikalainen, Pasi Rautanen, Karl Ukkonen (Erkka Petaja 71), Ari Hjelmin, Mika Lipponen, Jari Rantanen, Hannu Turunen.

Hamburg, Napoli crash in Cups

Former European champion Hamburg SV suffered a first round defeat in the West German Soccer Cup for the second successive year while a Diego Maradona-less Napoli was also humiliated in the Italian Cup.

Hamburg, surprise European Cup winner in 1983, at least avoided the ignominy of last year's defeat by amateurs Geislingen as it crashed 3-2 to First Division rival Bochum.

Bolstered by hardened professionals Klaus Fischer and Wolfgang Kleff, Bochum was always in command thanks to two goals by Thomas Kempe.

Fortuna Duesseldorf almost followed Hamburg into the record books when it faced defeat by the amateur side Altona.

But Fortuna equalised a minute before full time and went on to win 3-2 in extra time.

Klaus Allofs was the West German player in goal-scoring form, netting all four for Cologne as it trounced TSV Muenich 4-2, while in Italy Brazilian Edinho hit a hat-trick for Udinese and new signing Aldo Serena scored three for Juventus.

But the surprise result in the Italian Cup was the 1-0 defeat of Napoli by Second Division Vicenza.

Maradona, forced to watch from the sidelines for the second week running, is expected to recover soon from his knee injury and should take part in the remaining Cup matches.

But Napoli, held to a 0-0 draw the previous week by

rescued, will now find it difficult to qualify from a group it was initially favorite to win.

Newly-promoted Lecce leads the group with three games left. Teams are divided into eight round-robin groups of six from which two qualify for the remaining knock-out matches which are held at the end of the season.

Serena's hat-trick within 15 minutes helped European champion Juventus to a 6-2 victory over lowly Casertana. Denmark's Michael Laudrup, now returned to Juventus after being loaned to Lazio last season, also scored.

Ex-Juventus star Zbigniew Boniek of Poland scored as Roma defeated Catanzaro 4-1 while another foreigner, Briton Mark Hateley, scored his first Italian goal for many months to help Milan to a 1-0 win at Cagliari.

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Bowles carnival

Mooroolbark's 10th annual William Bowles carnival for under 11s will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6 at Esther Park.

The competition is held in the memory of the late Mr W. Bowles who was an ardent fan on the game and Mooroolbark. The Bowles family donate the perpetual trophy awarded to the winning team. There is an award for sportsmanship and conduct given to the best behaved team on the Saturday, as judged by referees.

Each boy in the winning team received a trophy as do boys in the team which finishes second.

The competing team are:
Group One: Boronia, Doncaster, Springvale City, Seaford, Latrobe Valley; Group Two: Croydon, Mooroolbark B, Lyndale, Karingal, Altona City; Group Three: Ringwood, Werribee, Mooroolbark A, Berwick, North Reservoir, Shepparton; Group Four: Mitcham, Dingley, Box Hill, Melbourne Croatia, St Albans Dinamo.

Under 15 titles

Amended program for national under 15 championships at Traralgon this week:

Wednesday, September 4:
10.00 am N.S.W. v N.S.W.;
11.30 am S.A. v A.C.T.; 1.15 pm W.A. v Vic.; 2.45 pm N.T. v Q'land.

Thursday, September 5:
10.00 am A.C.T. v Vic.; 11.30 am N.S.W. v N.T.; 1.15 pm Q'land v S.A.; 2.45 pm W.A. v N.S.W.

Friday, September 6: 10.00 am W.A. v N.T.; 11.30 am N.S.W. v S.A.; 1.15 pm N.S.W. v Vic.; 2.45 pm Q'land v A.C.T.

Saturday, September 7: 9.00 am N.S.W. v Q'land; 10.30 am W.A. v S.A.; 12.00 noon N.S.W. v A.C.T.; 1.30 pm N.T. v Vic.

Un-Australian

SIR — I have just finished reading "Soccer Action" (21.8.85) and would like to make a few points.

Frank Arok states on page one that with a 14-team league, St George would "import top names from overseas". Could Frank tell us what "top names" he imported when it was a one-league format previously? Dez Marton? Hardly a big name or Les Lorinc who could not command a first grade spot and played for Rockdale before going home?

By his statement, Arok resented "promoting youngsters" who only filled in because the "league is not worth investing in".

There are a large number of us who enjoy watching local youngsters develop instead of watching second-rate imports.

Maybe for Frank and his mates we should start an Ethnic league excluding all Australians.

As the season continued we were fed the cynical rubbish of Andrew Dettre who seems to thrive on knocking anything to do with Australia.

His latest effort, headlined: "Australian's world's best at 12?" is typical Dettre garbage.

It is a fact that we have done well at youth level and perhaps if our national coaches chose Aussies, whatever their origins, instead of "big names" from overseas our senior team would do as well. There can be no justification for electing Odzakovic and company while players who were born or learned their soccer in Australia are bypassed.

Finally, Mr. Murray and

TO THE EDITOR...

Mr. White argue who should coach in Australia — European and South Americans, says Mr. Murray. British, says Mr. White. What both of them have done is overlooked a third party: Australians. It becomes obvious there is no place for Australians in Australian soccer.

Best of luck, fellows. Argue on with your funny accents. I'm going back to following Easts. I love the game of soccer which is the greatest game on earth. However, in Australia it is dominated by little men who consider themselves bigger than the players or the game. R.I.P.

ALAN BROWN,
Tambarlo, St.
Darlinghurst, NSW

Bigotry

SIR — Further to my previous letter in "Soccer Action" regarding the discriminatory attitudes of soccer authorities, they seem to have spread their tentacles to Olympic Park in Melbourne.

The conditions at Olympic Park on Sunday 25.8.85 for the double-header between Makedonia and Alexander and Juventus and Hellas were excellent. The supporters were out in force, the atmosphere was great and there were four excellent teams on the programme.

The first match was listed on the scoreboard as being between Makedonia and Alexander. The game started and everything was proceeding well until half-time when, for some strange reason, mysterious discriminatory forces began

their work by ordering the scoreboard keeper to alter the names on the scoreboard, to Preston and Heidelberg.

When questioned by angry supporters of both teams, the keeper replied that he had been ordered by an official wearing an orange coat.

When the officials were questioned, no-one could identify the mysterious dictator.

One answer given was that orders had come from Sydney but since the match was not being directly telecast we found that hard to believe as how could they have seen what was written on the scoreboard?

Another answer was that Brunswick Juventus was the only team of the four at the double header which was registered to use its ethnic name yet when the second game started it was listed on the scoreboard as being between Juventus and Hellas not Juventus and South Melbourne, which proved that this second answer was just as ridiculous as the first.

The above action spoils the atmosphere and created much ill-feeling in the crowd and I feel that this is a reason that is driving away the spectators and another step towards destroying my beloved sport in this country.

— A. TALEVSKI
Nunawading, Vic

Rubbish!

SIR — After recently watching the World Youth Championships in Russia I was simply disgusted with the performance of the Australians.

Not only did I have to stay up till the early hours of the morning, but had to witness

the worst performance by an Australian representative team.

It was a shame to watch a group of youngsters stroll around the park ball-watching with no idea of any technical skills.

Okay, they may not be a team composed of Brazilians or professionals, but a team that cannot put three passes together does not deserve to have the honor of wearing the green and gold.

The tactics undertaken by Jim Shoulder in no way showed the rest of the world that we can play soccer.

By just simply thumping the ball forward, relying on a certain overrated player to battle alone up front without any support from the mid-field destroys the art of soccer.

I could name at least three players from the starting line-up who could not even make it in my under 15 junior team, and surprisingly enough these certain players all are from the A.I.S., a soccer authority designed to teach and promote exciting and talented youngsters.

However, these players could be useful for the Parra-matta Rugby League team.

Without trying to be a one-eyed Victorian, I could name at least four players who would wear the green and gold with distinction, players such as Steve Tasios, Ernie Tapa, John Kanesoulis, Phil Trianedis etc would delight Australian viewers with their skill, just like they have impressed me and many others.

For soccer to improve, we must realistically look further into our resources for we have the ability as a developing nation to mix with the best.

— Yours Fan of
Entertaining Soccer

COLIN McADAM NOT HAPPY

Mass circulation Scottish publication "The Weekly News" claims Adelaide City Juventus' Colin McAdam is regretting his decision to move to Australia.

Having agreed terms with Heart of Midlothian, McAdam was keen to return for the Scottish Premier Division campaign, but lamented to "The Weekly News": "After playing only half a game for them through rib injuries, Adelaide City are understandably keen for me to stay there until my contract ends in November."

"Charlie Caruso (Juventus' president) has suggested I do a bit of coaching to schoolkids after the Australian season ends. Although I'd prefer to get back to Scotland, I'm in their debt since they paid my wife and three kids' fares out here, got us a house and car, and have looked after us well."

The article ends by quoting McAdam: "Frankly, although Adelaide is a lovely city, after breaking my leg here last year I'm beginning to wonder if Australia's the place for me after all!"

— PAUL MOON

... but he starred!

\$10,000 Challenge cup second leg game — ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 3 (Villani 67th, 95th and 110th) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Stamatelopoulos 1st, Price 53rd). At Olympic Sports Field.

Adelaide City Juventus came from two goals down to score an action-packed 3-2 second leg Challenge Cup win over West Adelaide Hellas at Olympic Sports Field. Charley Villani emerged as the match hero with a second half hat-trick as he magically produced his entire repertoire of silky skills.

Apart from Villani's explosive efforts, the crowd had plenty to cheer, discuss and dispute. Former Glasgow Rangers played Colin McAdam made his long-awaited run-on debut and his contribution was so dominant and forceful that one wonders why Juventus coach Edmund Kreft took so many weeks to give the big fellow his chance.

— ALLAN CRISP

Phil Dando returning

Former Brisbane Lions and Newcastle KB United goalkeeper Phil Dando is to return to Australia after two years as coach of Rothmans' New Zealand National League club Nelson United.

Announcing his resignation, Dando stressed there was no animosity between him and Nelson. "The family decided that Australia was the place for us to live. We will be leaving in about two weeks and going back to Newcastle," he said.

The current New Zealand season saw Nelson, primarily a young combination reinforced by ex-Newcastle KB United, Blacktown City and West Adelaide Hellas midfielder Bill Amey, challenge for Rothmans' League leadership before slipping into mid table.

Dando halted the steady stagnation which had been evident at the club and will certainly be a valuable asset to any Northern New South Wales that engages him.

— PAUL MOON

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FINALMENTE!

E cosi' la Juventus ce l'ha fatta! Dopo quindici anni di mediocrità, crisi, speranze e disavventure, la "vecchia signora" e' tornata a fregiarsi del titolo di campione del Victoria (anzi di tre Stati).

Per chi ha seguito la Juventus tutti questi lunghi anni, sicuramente pero' i 90 minuti della partita di domenica saranno sembrati altrettanto lunghi, altrettanto traumatici. In svantaggio di una rete dal 32' del primo tempo e con una formazione rimaneggiata a causa dell'assenza di tre giocatori chiave, la squadra annaspava anche se non sembrava affatto rassegnato a cio' che poteva apparire inevitabile.

Poi all'88' e' arrivata la rete del pareggio e tutta l'ansia e la rabbia degli ultimi quindici anni, caricata dai precedenti 87 minuti, e' esplosa! Un minuto dopo e' arrivata la rete della vittoria a scatenare la pazzia gioia di giocatori, dirigenti e tifosi. La Juventus era nuovamente campione ad aveva guadagnato il titolo alla maniera forte, soffrendo le pene dell'inferno e combattendo con una disperazione inaudita.

Per tutti valga il commento di Fabio Incantato, uno dei gladiatori in bianconero, che dopo la partita stringendo la Coppa del primato ha detto: "Sono juventino da quindici anni (tre quarti della sua vita! n.d.r.) e ho sempre giocato con la Juventus. Era ora che vincevamo qualcosa!"

In tutti i trionfi sportivi e' naturale, e' umano, cercare un eroe sul cui capo deporre la corona d'alloro. I candidati piu' ovvi fra cui fare la scelta potrebbero essere il presidente Tony Schiavello, l'allenatore John Margaritis, il team manager Joe Caruso; ma per ognuno di questi gli eroi sono stati tutti gli altri; il caso del classico "team effort" che dura da almeno tre anni. Per Margaritis sono

hanno profuso tempo, soldi ed energie, sono stati i tifosi che hanno sostenuto moralmente la squadra.

Per Caruso sono stati i giocatori, e' stato Margaritis, e' stato il presidente, sono stati gli amici, i tifosi, i colleghi di comitato.

Per Schiavello e' stato Caruso, e' stato Margaritis, sono stati i giocatori, i membri del comitato, i tifosi, i soci, gli sponsors e via di seguito.

E il bello e' che tutti e tre sono convinti e sinceri di quello che dicono. E probabilmente questo e' il motivo principale per cui la Juventus e' riuscita a raggiungere il primato in campo e la stabilita' amministrativa fuori campo: perche' ognuno ha fatto la sua parte e ognuno ha apprezzato la parte fatta da tutti gli altri: il lavoro, i sacrifici e le preoccupazioni sono state condivise, cosi' come anche la gloria viene condivisa.

E speriamo che questo spirito continui a prevalere nelle settimane nei mesi e negli anni futuri. La Juventus e' una immensa entita' che richiede immensa dedizione di un numero immenso di persone; c'e' lavoro per tutti, c'e' posto per tutti e c'e' gloria sufficiente per tutti.

Fino a che si continua a distribuire oneri ed onori il futuro potra' essere che roseo e sempre migliore.

Questa sera a Sydney, e domenica prossima a Melbourne, la Juventus si incontrera' con il Sydney City per il titolo di campione d'Australia. La squadra di Sydney e' in effetti mezza nazionale australiana, la formazione, an assieme collaudata ed affiatata che ha spezzato via avversari come fossero delle foglie secche.

Ma la Juventus e' molto di piu' di una squadra di calcio, di una macchina da goal. E' qualcosa di vivo che esula tutte le considerazioni strettamente tecniche; e' un assieme di uomini che pensa, combatte, soffre e gioisce come un'entita' unica. E il Sydney City questa volta si accorgera' che essere una

vista strettamente tecnica la Juventus questa sera potra' contare sul rientro di Dowe e probabilmente di Zinni; e per domenica prossima riavra' in squadra anche Peter Lewis. E poi non e' detto che Menichello, Durakovic e Drinkoczyk non abbiano fatto la loro parte domenica scorsa nell'arrembaggio alla roccaforte del Preston.

Oltre alla qualita' tecnica dei giocatori, sara' il loro spirito a decidere le sorti delle due partite. E nessuna squadra in Australia al momento si trova nello stesso stato di spirito della Juventus.

E allo stesso tempo, nessun altro gruppo di tifosi d'Australia si puo' trovare nelle stesse condizioni di spirito di quelli juventini; siamo sicuri che ognuno di essi domenica prossima trincerera' tutti i propri amici all'Olympic Park per mostrarli il motivo della loro grande gioia. E vedremo finalmente che le molte migliaia di tifosi che seguivano la Juventus anni fa non sono poi scomparsi nel nulla; si erano semplicemente appartati perche' non avevano potuto resistere alle umiliazioni, ma in fondo al cuore avevano sempre sperato e voluto che la Juventus tornasse ad essere grande.

Intanto consigliamo a tifosi vecchi e nuovi di cominciare a prenotarsi per le due grandi serate sociali di fine stagione, la "Presentation Night" e il "Ballo Annuale". La "Presentation Night" si svolgera' domenica 22 settembre, nella nuovissima e lussuosa "Empire Reception" al 298 Sydney Road, Brunswick; sara' una cena danzante con i fiocchi durante la quale saranno consegnati i trofei ai giocatori della prima squadra (o dovremmo dire, dei campioni della prima squadra) e ai giocatori del "Youth Team" (anzi, ai campionescini del Youth Team).

I biglietti costano \$22 (tutto incluso) e le prenotazioni si possono fare presso tutti i membri del comitato e le signore del

(338 4555) o Maria Carmignani (419 8455), oppure all'ufficio della Juventus (380 4379) durante gli orari di ufficio; altrimenti a Dominic Tenuta al 383 2213.

Il Ballo Annuale si svolgera' anche all'Empire, sabato 23 novembre e le prenotazioni si possono fare telefonando alle stesse persone di cui sopra.

A Sydney il Marconi non e' riuscito a spuntarla contro il Sydney City nella finalissima dal girone settentrionale e scomparire cosi' dalla scena. Ma per la squadra di Bossley Park e' stata un'annata molto positiva non solo per aver raggiunto la finalissima, ma per aver condotto un campionato esemplare con grande continuita' e stabilita' amministrativa. Il prossimo anno avra' basi solidissime su cui basarsi per un nuovo attacco al primato.

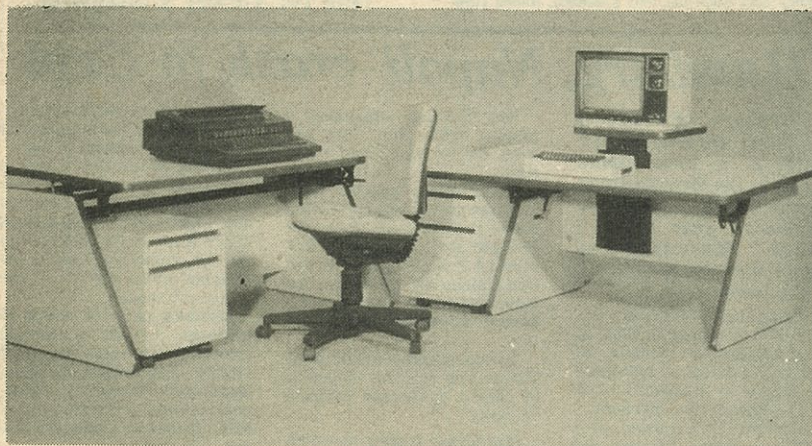
Nelle divisioni minori del Victoria, il Fawcner sembra abbia trovato la strada giusta con l'arrivo del terzo allenatore della stagione, dopo che Peter Boyle ha sostituito Peppino Carrassi due settimane fa. Purtroppo e' un po' tardi ormai per quest'anno, ma finire la stagione in bellezza e' sempre un buon inizio per l'anno successivo.

Fra le squadre delle divisioni piu' basse, il Batman Lazio dopo anni di mediocrità sta disputando un ottimo campionato e si e' assicurata la promozione in terza divisione della Provisional League.

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VERSUS

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS



Brunswick Juventus, from left, standing: Joe Sweeney, Eddie Campbell, Yakka Banovic, Sean Keogh, Paul Wade, Peter Lewis, Richard Miranda, Fabio Incantalupo. Front: Joe Palatsidis, Frank Geremia, Brian Brown, Andrew Zinni, Robert Cullen, John Dowie. Missing: Paul Drinoczky.

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